
NCLA Conference: Resolutions and Awards

Resolution, North Carolina Library Association Conference, 1983

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Library Association has been assembled in its biennial conference in Winston-Salem, North Carolina October 26 to 28, 1983; and

WHEREAS, this conference has proven to be meaningful and beneficial for all participants;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Association formally extends its thanks to the Honorable Wayne Corpening, Mayor of the City of Winston-Salem; to Dr. James N. Ziglar, Jr., Chairman, Forsyth County Board of Commissioners; to H. L. Pete Jenkins, County Manager of Forsyth County; to the director and staff of the Benton Convention Center; to the staff of the Hyatt Hotel; to Leland Park, Program Chairperson; to Robert Burgin, for local arrangements; to Arial Stephens, Conference Manager; to William Kirwan, Exhibits Chair man, and Sharon Crowe, his secretary; to Suzanne Mauze of the Chamber of Commerce; to all conference committee members; to William H. Roberts III, Director, Forsyth County Public Library and his staff for hosting the outstanding conference reception; to Larry Roland of Joseph Ruzicka-South, Inc., for printing of the conference program and to Brenda Cotten who coordinated the production of it; and to all the exhibitors for their excellent displays and helpfulness;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that special thanks be given to general session speakers, Elliot Engel, Fred Glazer, Judith Krug, and to others who have spoken at this conference in general sessions and section meetings, and that our appreciation be expressed to all who by their efforts and presence at our conference contributed to its success.

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WHEREAS, W. Robert Pollard has served the North Carolina Library Association with dedication and distinction as its Treasurer for the past four years, has handled the finances of the Association in an exemplary manner, maintained sound fiscal policies, has often doubled in the

capacity of executive secretary; and

WHEREAS, he has performed all duties and charges with rare diplomacy, integrity, and grace;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Library Association assembled in conference October 28, 1983 extends to W. Robert Pollard its warm thanks for the excellent services he has given the membership over a memorable period of years.

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WHEREAS, Jonathan A. Lindsey, who was editor of *North Carolina Libraries* for five years; and

WHEREAS, he maintained high standards in producing the readable, worthy journal which served as an effective means of communication and enlightenment for the entire membership;

WHEREAS, under his editorship, distinction was brought to the Association when the journal was awarded in 1981 the H. W. Wilson Award for the Outstanding Library Periodical;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Association assembled in conference October 28, 1983 does express to Jonathan A. Lindsey its sincere gratitude for his able leadership and distinguished editorship of the Association's official journal.

Resolution, James B. Hunt, Jr., Governor of North Carolina, 1983

WHEREAS, the quest for knowledge by school children in North Carolina is stimulated and developed through the use of educational resources and services provided by school library media programs; and

WHEREAS, school library media programs provide accessibility to a wide variety of necessary educational materials such as books, films, records, tapes, instructional television, and computer courseware, as well as the equipment needed for their use; and

WHEREAS, school library media programs provide learning activities, designed to develop reading and information skills necessary for lifelong learning and pleasure; and

WHEREAS, the full potential of school library media programs is dependent upon well-educated professional library media personnel whose varied abilities assist teachers and students in effectively using this wide range of learning resources; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that special recognition be given to school library media programs and the role of school library media personnel in education throughout the State of North Carolina; now

THEREFORE, I, James B. Hunt, Jr., Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 11, 1984, as

SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA DAY

in North Carolina and encourage all citizens to become aware of the contributions made by school library media programs in our schools.

By the Governor:

James B. Hunt, Jr.

Resolution, North Carolina Library Association Conference, 1983

WHEREAS, Mertys Bell has served her term as President of the North Carolina Library Association with excellence and diplomacy; and

WHEREAS, her Executive Board, officers of sections, and committee members have worked diligently and faithfully in fulfilling their duties and responsibilities during their term;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the North Carolina Library Association express their appreciation for their many hours of dedicated service in furthering the aims and goals of the Association.

Harry K. Griggs, Sr., Honorary Membership

Harry K. Griggs, Sr., of Reidsville, N.C., has been a teacher and principal of public schools since 1934, until he retired in 1974, after serving as principal of the first integrated high school in Reidsville.

Mr. Griggs has served on boards of numerous civic and religious organizations. He has devoted his considerable talents to the Rockingham County Public Library Board of Trustees since he was appointed by the Board of the County Commissioners in 1968 and has served continuously since that time. He was vice-chairman of the Board from 1973 to 1976 and chairman 1977 to 1983, during the time the Rockingham County Public Library experienced major growth in buildings, staff, and materials.

Mr. Griggs was elected vice-chair of the Trustee Section of NCLA in 1978. In 1979 he filled the unexpired term of the chairman who resigned



Harry K. Griggs, Jr., Honorary Membership. (Photo by Frank Sparger.)



Flora Plyler, Honorary Membership. (Photo by Frank Sparger.)

and was then elected to a two year term of chairman in 1979. He revitalized this dormant organization by writing a constitution and by-laws for the Section; by writing a newsletter and mailing to all trustees of public libraries in the state to solicit membership in the Trustee Section of NCLA. Mr. Griggs has represented his library and the state at national American Library Association Conferences since 1976 and he is currently serving as secretary of the Trustee/Friends Section of the Southeastern Library Association.

Flora Plyler, Honorary Membership

Mrs. Flora Plyler, a native of Oxford, was educated in the Wilson City Schools, and holds an A.B. degree from Randolph-Macon Woman's College. She has served on the Wilson County Public Library Board of Trustees since October 13, 1970, and currently holds the office of vice-chairman. Mrs. Plyler was an active member on the building committee during the library planning and construction period in the late 70s and early 80s. In 1981 she was appointed to the State Library Commission and is its chairman.

Mrs. Plyler's civic activities include work with the United Way, the Crisis Center, the Junior Woman's Club (which she served as president), and Women of the Church of the First Christian Church (which she also served as president). She is married to Beal B. Plyler, and they have two sons, Brent and William, one daughter, Mrs. Stuart Frantz, and one granddaughter.

Ever since she worked on the bookmobile years ago, she has been interested in library service in Wilson County.

Elizabeth H. Copeland, Life Membership

In speaking about the public library, Elizabeth Copeland has said, "This is the only agency that was ever created to meet all the educational needs of all the people. This includes the man who can read and the man who cannot read. This agency has something for every man, regardless of who he is and what walk of life he comes from." She recalls a man who was a cabinetmaker who could not read a text but who could make a piece of furniture based on a picture in a book she found for him in the library.

Elizabeth H. Copeland is a native of eastern North Carolina and graduated from East Carolina University, then received her library education from George Peabody College and Vanderbilt University she worked in research in Philadelphia before returning to North Carolina to be librarian for the Beaufort-Hyde-Martin Regional Library.



Elizabeth H. Copeland, Life Membership. (Photo by Frank Sparger.)



Barbara E. Heafner, Life Membership. (Photo by Frank Sparger.)

In 1954 she went to Greenville, North Carolina, to be director of the Sheppard Memorial Public Library, a position she held for twenty-six years.

Miss Copeland was active in professional organizations; and she served, among other positions, as president of the North Carolina Library Association.

She has also made contributions to the community, as well. She has been a leader in the Pitt County Interracial Council, the East Carolina Art Society, and the Episcopal Church Women.

Her philosophy of library service can be summed up by this statement which she made: "The public library is the most indispensable part of the community because it provides for the culture and education of the people and it serves all of the people, no matter what their financial or social rating."

Barbara E. Heafner, Life Membership

The public libraries of North Carolina have always depended on strong and professional leadership, and Barbara E. Heafner has exemplified the highest level of such leadership. A native of Gaston County, Mrs. Heafner began her library career in 1933 as librarian at New Hanover High School in Wilmington, but she soon returned to Gaston County to establish county-wide bookmobile service in 1937. She became director of the Gaston County Public Library in 1946 and director of the Gaston-Lincoln Regional Library when it was formed in 1964. When she retired in 1979, Mrs. Heafner had engineered the growth of this library system to nine excellent facilities, culminating in 1978 with the opening of a 60,000 square foot Main Library in Gastonia. The book collection had grown from 10,000 to 325,000 volumes; the staff, from 6 to 55 persons; and the annual book circulation, from 36,000 to almost 700,000.

Mrs. Heafner also was an active participant in NCLA, having worked on many Public Library Section committees, including the powerful Public Library Development Committee during the 1950s and 1960s. She actively participated in the initial efforts to secure State Aid for Public Libraries in 1941 and continued her work in this area until her retirement. She also spent the last years of her career serving as a member of the N.C. Public Librarian Certification Commission during 1973-1977.

Barbara E. Heafner has been a tireless proponent of public libraries for over forty-five years, and we are all continuing to benefit from her local and state-wide efforts.

Katherine Howell, Life Membership

Katherine Howell and Hurricane Hazel arrived in Wilmington at the same time in 1954. Hazel left after doing considerable damage, but Katherine stayed and did a considerable amount of building — both in construction and service. Known for her quick wit and charm, Katherine is most admired for her tireless efforts to bring to the town of Wilmington a first class library facility, which opened in 1981. Not only has she been active in professional organizations, she has been a community leader in historic preservation and cultural arts.

Katherine is a native of Rome, Georgia, a graduate of Converse College, and holds a degree in library science from Emory University.

George R. Linder, Life Membership

At his retirement testimonial dinner, George Richard Linder was characterized as a man of "strong faith, stubborn courage and wry humor." Librarians across North Carolina who know him can attest to these qualities ... and more! Other descriptors which might apply are "teacher, supporter, mentor and father confessor."

His efforts and enthusiasm have been administered in large doses to the libraries in which he has served as director, in both North Carolina and South Carolina.

He has been active in public library activities, having held numerous offices in the North Carolina Library Association, South Carolina Library Association, Southeastern Library Association, and American Library Association, with a particular interest in intellectual freedom.

His influence on librarianship is far reaching, and will continue to bear fruit for many years, through the contributions of the young people he has encouraged and supported in their efforts to attend library school and become successful in the profession.

In 1980 he was presented the Distinguished Library Service Award by the Durham County Library Association, an organization he was instrumental in founding.

Mr. Linder has devoted his life to libraries, and even in retirement he is active in library-related organizations and spends much time with his beloved books.

RTSS Best Article Award Won by Catherine Baron

The \$100 Best Article Award for 1981-83, for an article on a technical services topic published in *North Carolina Libraries*, was presented to



Katherine Howell, Life Membership. (Photo by Frank Sparger.)



George R. Linder, Life Membership. (Photo by Frank Sparger.)

Catherine Baron on Thursday, October 27, 1983, at the regular meeting of the Resources and Technical Services Section of the North Carolina Library Association.

The article, "Open Versus Closed Periodicals Stacks in a Research Library: How to Study the Question," was published in the Summer 1982 issue of *North Carolina Libraries*, the official publication of the North Carolina Library Association. Ms. Baron is presently a systems engineer for IBM in Raleigh. She wrote the article as a senior seminar paper in economics during her senior year at North Carolina State University. Her future plans include working toward a master's degree in technology for international development.

Doris Anne Bradley

Scholarship Winners Announced

Recipients of the North Carolina Memorial and Query-Long Scholarships were announced at the biennial conference.

Two North Carolina Memorial Scholarships were awarded for 1982. Gail Harrell was the recipient of one. Gail is studying at North Carolina Central University and works as a branch assistant at the Wake County Public Library System. Viola Ann Roth received the other award; she is attending Indiana University (Bloomington), where she is working towards an M.L.S. and a master's degree in musicology. The 1982 Query-Long Scholarship was awarded to Charlotte Darwin, who has completed her M.L.S. at East Carolina University and is presently employed as a high school librarian in Wayne County. In addition, three loans were made by NCLA in 1982.

Two persons were awarded North Carolina Memorial Scholarships for 1983: Joseph Tuttle and Tammy Young. Joseph is studying at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and works part-time in the Math-Physics Library. Tammy is studying at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and is a media coordinator in a Stanley County high school. Myra Hill, a student at North Carolina Central University who is employed by the Neuse Regional Library, was named recipient of the 1983 Query-Long Scholarship. Five NCLA loans were awarded in 1983.

Exhibitors Door-Prize Winner

Bette Joseph, a media coordinator with the Guilford County School System, was the winner of a \$100 door-prize given by the exhibitors at the NCLA Biennial Conference. The prize was established in order to promote attendance at the exhibits.

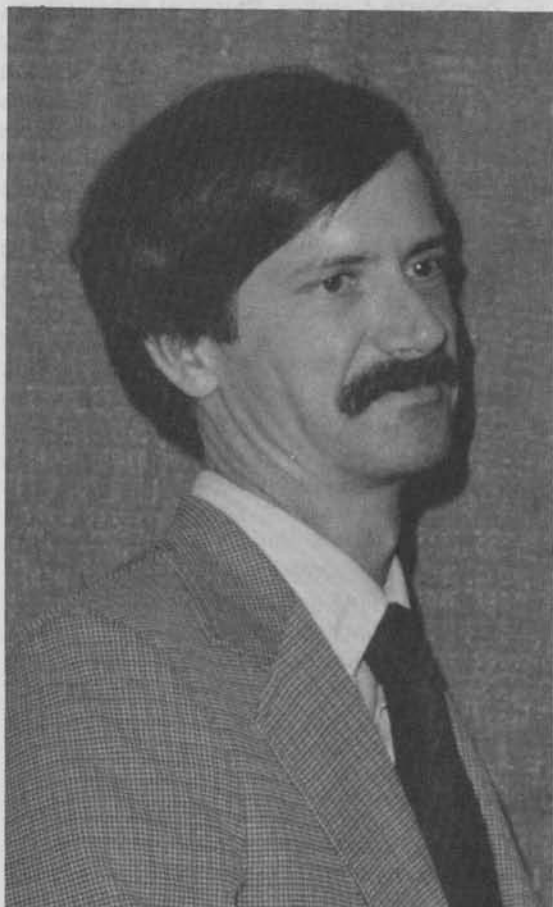
Ray Moore Award Goes to Klett and Seawell

The \$100 Ray Moore Award, given to the best article on public libraries to appear in *North Carolina Libraries*, was presented to Rex Klett and Karen Seawell during the banquet and second general session at the North Carolina Library Association Conference.

The award was presented for their article, "The Tar Heel Enclave: Public Library Salaries in North Carolina," which appeared in the Spring 1983 issue of *North Carolina Libraries*. Rex Klett is Anson County librarian and regional technical services librarian with the Sandhill Regional Library. Karen Seawell is librarian for the AHEC at Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro.

North Carolina Libraries only goes to members in good standing of the North Carolina Library Association and to paid subscribers. Beginning January 1, 1984, *Tar Heel Libraries* (published by the Division of State Library) will only go to individual members of the North Carolina Library Association and will not be sent to subscribers of *North Carolina Libraries* who are not also members of the association.

NCLA memberships that have not been renewed by April 1 will no longer receive *North Carolina Libraries*.



Rex Klett and Karen Seawell, winners of the 1983 Ray Moore Award for the best article on public libraries to appear in *North Carolina Libraries*. (Photo by Frank Sparger.)