



stand up for libraries

NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

From the President

Governmental Relations. This is the committee that, when the legislature and the Congress are in session, stays on the move. There are days planned for librarians to "press a call" on their representatives in Raleigh, and the trip to Washington in April during National Library Week is all set. With the fifth largest library association in the country having highly visible members in each of North Carolina's one hundred counties, it is a formidable force when organized. Keep in touch with your section chairmen and/or Louise Boone, who heads up the Governmental Relations Committee for NCLA. They can use your help to "Stand Up For Libraries."

MsM Interviews. Be sure to catch the publication of the Round Table on the Status of Women in Librarianship, *MsManagement*. It's excellent, and the interviews with librarians of note in our state are uniformly interesting and informative. Jane Williams, Elaine Von Oesen, Dale Gaddis, Mattie Russell are just a few of the notables interviewed. And it makes you even more proud to be a part of this profession in North Carolina.

Government Documents. There are thirty-five federal depository libraries in North Carolina, from the mountains to the coast. Their resources are vast and rich, and they work together in collection development and resource sharing. A new *North Carolina State Documents Plan* has been written delineating the organization of the materials and how they may be accessed by everyone. Jaia Barrett (Duke), Jean Porter (NCSU), and Ridley Kessler drew up the plan. If you don't have a copy for your library, write Mr. Kessler, the regional depository librarian, at Davis Library, UNC-Chapel Hill.

New Scholarship Fund. Elsewhere in this issue you will find the exciting news of a gift to one of our sections, NCASL, of \$5,000 by NCLA president emerita Eunice Query to establish yet another scholarship fund for library school students. Miss Query has worked hard for library education for decades; in her retirement she has proved that she "practices what she preached."

We are most grateful for her continued support and especially for her friendship. We are proud to claim her as a colleague par excellence.

Spring Workshop. April 12-13 will find NCLA hosting its annual spring workshop at Greensboro College. We are entering the home stretch of the biennium, and this is an important time for committees, the executive board, and section officers to meet and make plans for the October conference and other activities during the next several months. All meetings are open; join us.

Raleigh Conference. Pauline Myrick and her committee are working hard on the fall conference in Raleigh. Speakers for the general sessions and banquet will be announced soon, and I think you will be most pleased. Sections are firming up plans for their meetings, and exhibitors are being contacted. (Ask salesmen if their firms will be represented; contact Bill Kirwan at Western Carolina for information.) It is a great undertaking to put a conference together, and NCLA has a reputation for outstanding ones. Plan to be there: October 2-4.

Membership. Renewals for memberships have been mailed by treasurer Eunice Drum in the last several months. If you received one, be sure to renew right away. You don't want to miss any issues of *North Carolina Libraries*, *Tar Heel Libraries*, ballots for officers (which will be mailed in late Spring), or information about the conference. Besides, NCLA needs you!

Tag News. A librarian's car made the news recently! Martha H. Davis, library director of the Rockingham County Public Library, has recently installed a new CLSI LIBS 100 circulation system in her libraries. Mrs. Davis is so pleased with the system and so interested in spreading the word in her county about the libraries' new venture in automation that she has "LIBS-100" as her car's license plate number. Check the Winter 1985 issue of *Newsletter of Library Automation* (p. 15) for a super picture.

Next Executive Board Meeting: Greensboro, April 12-13, 1985.

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