"Libraries: Spread the News": 1987 Conference to be Held in Winston-Salem

Start spreading the news! The 1987 North Carolina Library Association's Biennial Conference is coming soon to Winston-Salem. "LIBRAR-IES: SPREAD THE NEWS" is the theme for the conference, scheduled October 28-30.

Featured speakers for this year's conference are Maya Angelou and Calvin Trillin. Conference programs are being planned to address the major issues in North Carolina librarianship. "Table Talks" will be something new at this NCLA Conference. In "Table Talks" specific issues in librarianship are aired in round table discussions. This allows conference participants to become more involved in the issues so important to our profession.

The Round Table For Ethnic Minority Concerns (REMCO) has worked hard to bring Maya Angelou to the 1987 NCLA Conference to be a featured speaker. The Round Table on the Status



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of Women in Librarianship and the Public Library Section are co-sponsoring her appearance with REMCO. Ms. Angelou, who resides in Winston-Salem, is one of today's most popular speakers. Ms. Angelou has been a singer, educator, dancer, historian, lecturer, actress, producer, editor, songwriter and playwright. In the sixties, at the request of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., she became the Northern Coordinator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Though her formal education ended with high school, Ms. Angelou has received numerous honorary doctorates, as well as the Chubb Fellowship from Yale. In 1981 she was appointed the first Reynold's Professor of American Studies at Wake Forest University.

Librarians are certainly familiar with her literary accomplishments, which include, I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings and the latest All God's Children Need Traveling Shoes. In addition to her five autobiographical best sellers, she has published four books of poetry. Her articles have appeared in such publications as The New York Times, Redbook, and Cosmopolitan. Maya Angelou has been seen on local and network television numerous times. In 1976 she was accorded the Ladies Home Journal award "Woman of the Year in Communication" and was among the magazine's "Top 100 Most Influential Women." Audiovisual librarians will note that she won the CINE Golden Eagle Award for her PBS film "Afro-American in the Arts." Her book, I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, was a two-hour CBS television special.

"I can tell you why I had trouble reading Calvin Trillin's first novel, Runestruck," New York Times' book reviewer Christopher Lehmann-Haupt wrote. "The print wouldn't hold still because the book made me shake so with laughter." Runestruck is just one of the many novels, short stories, articles and essays written by satirist and observer Calvin Trillin, who will also speak at the 1987 NCLA biennial conference. Since 1963 Mr. Trillin has been a staff writer for the New Yorker. Mr. Trillin writes a syndicated column which appears in the Winston-Salem Journal as well as in other North Carolina newspapers. He has written columns for the Nation and was, at one time, a reporter for Time maga-

zine. One of his most famous series for the *New Yorker* was "U.S. Journal," which was published as a book in 1971.

Mr. Trillin's other works include An Education in Georgia (1964), and American Fried (1974), Killings (1984) and With All Disrespect (1985).

Of his essays, critic John Seelye wrote "His journalistic instincts lead him to the freaks and follies of American life, those grotesques which the tradition of Mark Twain, Sherwood Anderson, and Ernest Hemingway have told us are symbolic of the quality of American life."

Calvin Trillin's observations and comments on American life are both witty and stimulating. Mr. Trillin is a much sought after speaker and we are very fortunate to have him at the 1987 NCLA Convention.

The last NCLA Conference to be held in Winston-Salem was in 1983. Veterans of that conference will find some changes in the Twin Cities. A new hotel, the Winston Plaza, is now open. Located next to the Hyatt Hotel, the Winston Plaza is connected to the Convention Center Complex via a skywalk.

The M.C. Benton, Jr. Convention and Civic Center has been doubled in size and features state-of-the-art amenities for conventioneers. Exhibits and meetings will be located in the new wing of the Center.

Downtown revitalization has progressed since the conference's last visit in 1983. New restaurants can be found in the Mercantile Plaza located next to the Stevens Center for the Performing Arts. Mercantile Plaza not only has a number of specialty restaurants for dining or snacking, but a number of convenient shops. And speaking of shopping and browsing, the Craft Shop of Piedmont Craftsmen has been relocated downtown, right next to the Winston Plaza and Hyatt Hotels.

If you enjoy art galleries, be sure to visit the Sawtooth Center at Winston Square to see featured exhibits. Mercantile Plaza, the Craft Shop of Piedmont Craftsmen, and Winston Square are all within walking distance of the Convention Center.

Start spreading the news! The 1987 Biennial Conference promises to be the best ever. Nationally known speakers Maya Angelou and Calvin Trillin highlight the program. A barbeque dinner will kick off the festivities Wednesday evening, October 28. Programs of sections, round tables and committees as well as "Table Talks" will address the important issues of North Carolina librarianship. Winston-Salem is ready to welcome you with more accommodations, shops and restaurants than ever before. Make your plans now.

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