
Exalting Learning and Libraries

NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

From the President

The 106th American Library Association Conference has been history for more than a month, but the accolades NCLAers received remain a source of very much interest and pride for NCLA. The many who were involved, leading and being recognized, share this spotlight also. Space will not allow each one to be featured in this message; however two of our own that received awards must be included.

Gayle Keresey received the AASL/SIRS Intellectual Freedom Award. She was honored as "a shining example of strong proponents of intellectual freedom." In addition to a contribution of one thousand dollars to a library of her choice, she received her travel to ALA and two thousand dollars. The Lippincott Award for distinguished service to the profession of librarianship was received by Dr. Edward Holley. The citation proclaimed Dr. Holley to be a "thorough, insightful and dedicated researcher and scholar." His article published in the November 1985 *College and Research Libraries*, "Defining the Academic Librarian," has been selected for inclusion in the *Best of the Library Literature*.

Perusing the 318 pages of the ALA Conference Program was time consuming and almost overwhelming, yet extremely interesting. Our AASL President Marilyn Miller was especially involved as she appeared on twelve programs ranking right up there with ALA President Regina U. Minudri. Marilyn was introduced during the Newbery and Caldecott Awards Dinner as one of the honored guests. Congratulations are due Marilyn and the AASL group who worked so hard and successfully in getting the motion to join NCATE passed. The NCLA Executive Board had given the idea its support at the April 24-25 meeting at Greensboro College. Dr. Kieth Wright is to be commended for his dedicated efforts to cover the many council meetings and his loyalty in reporting major highlights to the NCLA Executive Board. We are proud of all who were able to attend and especially those with program responsibilities.

Congratulations to the newly elected NCLA officers for 1987-1989. They are Barbara Baker, Durham Technical College, First Vice-President/-President Elect; Ray A. Frankle, J. Murry Atkins Library, Second Vice-President; Gloria Miller, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, Secretary; and Directors Janet Freeman, Carlyle Campbell Library and Howard McGinn, Division of State Library. They were invited to attend the NCLA Executive Board Meeting in Pinehurst on July 24 to observe your Board in action. Your 1987-1989 NCLA biennium with these excellent leaders and Patsy Hansel as President will be in good hands. Expect an outstanding two years of professional growth.

Long before you read this issue of *North Carolina Libraries*, you will have had on hand the full news of the 47th NCLA Biennial Conference, "Libraries: Spread the News," and hopefully will have completed your plans for attending. The conference committee has gone all out to make this conference one for professional growth.

Seven NCLA committees and sections have been funded a total of \$7200 from LSCA Title III grant funds to help support their programs at the October 27-30, 1987 conference. They are Children's Services, Media, Reference and Adult, Roundtable for Ethnic Minority Concerns, Roundtable on the Status of Women in Librarianship, Serials Interest Group and Young Adult. These provisional grant awards are very much appreciated as each gives the section and committee opportunities to provide outstanding conference programs that otherwise would be financially impossible. Our thanks go to John Welch and Jane Williams, Division of State Library, North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, for their assistance.

There is always that risk of important happenings being left out unintentionally in a message to the membership of such an outstanding organization as The North Carolina Library Association. I believe, however, that the prestigious publication, *North Carolina Libraries* must be mentioned. Through its editorial staff of eighteen members and Frances Bradburn, Editor, *NCL* has provided the membership the best in professional

information throughout the biennium. It is especially gratifying that NCLAers can feel free to speak up on issues and not be intimidated. To use one of Dr. Madeline Hunter's thought-provoking expressions, it "rattles our cages" sometimes and causes critical thinking that most likely will turn negative thoughts into positive action.

Forsyth County Media Association President Janet Plummer is to be congratulated for her stand in her letter to the editor in the May-June 1987 issue of *North Carolina Education*. Read this letter and join her in correcting the NCAE Number 10 recommendation.

We must continue "Exalting Learning and Libraries" and follow through on the '87 theme, "Libraries: Spread the News." To emphasize the NCASL theme of '86, "Our Image is Showing," we need to continue a collaboration with other professional organizations to facilitate this visibility

in local areas and nationally. It is comforting to know that the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction is at work for the school librarians. This is obvious in the Basic Education Plan. We must also do our part.

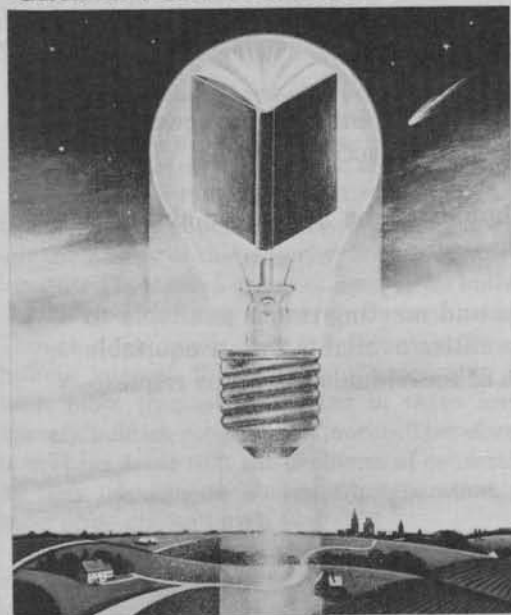
It is a bit sad to be writing my last president's message, but the many memories of the past two years overcome any sadness with genuine pleasure. Please accept my thanks for allowing me to serve as your president, to meet so many wonderful members of NCLA across the state, to work with such dedicated board and committee members, and to represent this fine association on many occasions.

I commend to you Patsy Hansel, your new president. The gavel will transfer into her capable hands on October 30, 1987.

Pauline F. Myrick, President



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