

NCLA Conference

Awards and Resolutions

Mertys W. Bell, Life Membership



Mertys W. Bell retired from Guilford Technical Community College June 30, 1984. Her professional career spanned forty-five years and included library positions in public, university, school, technical institutes and community colleges in Georgia, Washington state, and in North Carolina. In every position, Mertys was in the forefront in her vision, commitment to, and implementation of quality library services. Her participation in professional activities has been extensive in both library and education associations on the national, regional, and state levels. She was the first president of the forerunner of the North Carolina Learning Resources Association. She is best known to us as the dynamic NCLA president, 1981-1983, whose leadership initiated the challenge for NCLA to identify its role in leading North Carolina libraries into the twenty-first century. Mertys Bell earned national recognition as a leader in the evaluation-of-the-learning-resources-center concept in the technical institute and community college. Her vision, energy, and know-how over a period of eighteen years at GTCC resulted in the GTCC Learning Resources Center becoming a model. As a result, she became a sought-after consultant in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the learning resources center. Upon her retirement the Guilford Technical Community College Board of Trustees named the library component of the Learning Resources Center the Mertys W. Bell Library.

Martha Davis, Life Membership



When Martha Davis retired as director of Rockingham County Public Library, trustee chairman Dr. Toby Hance told her, "The Library has never done so well in all areas as during your tenure." Her North Carolina colleagues second Dr. Hance's remarks because of their respect for Martha's accomplishments and professional ability. Under Martha's direction, the Rockingham system grew tremendously, becoming strong and flourishing and a model for other systems. With the help of one of the highest per capita operational budgets in the state, programs, holdings, and number of staff increased greatly, as well as an expanded building program. A native of Macon, Martha attended Greensboro College and the library school at UNC-Chapel Hill. She began her professional career at Olivia Raney Public Library in Raleigh, and after a stint in Portsmouth, Virginia, returned to North Carolina to continue her service in school and public libraries. Active in professional associations, Martha served as chair of the Public Library Section of NCLA for the 1979-81 biennium. The Public Library Directors Association accorded her its highest professional honor when it selected her as Library Director of the year for 1984 in recognition of the contributions she has made to library service.

Patric G. Dorsey, Honorary Membership



Active in the cultural, political and civic affairs of North Carolina for over twenty years, Mrs. Patric G. Dorsey is one of the most prominent women of our state. In 1985 Governor James G. Martin appointed her to his Cabinet post of Secretary of the Department of Cultural Resources. The State Library, one of the major divisions of this department, is a very visible one with

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programs reaching into every county in the state. Mrs. Dorsey's knowledge and active commitment to the state's varied cultural and artistic heritage and to education, literacy and libraries, have brought her great respect. She travels throughout the state, as well as nationally and internationally, to represent all the constituencies brought together in this department. Mrs. Dorsey is well acquainted with the staff, operations, and services of the State Library, but her interest and support do not stop there. She attends and speaks at many library meetings, including the North Carolina Library Association's conferences and board meetings, trustee conferences, the Public Library Directors Association's meetings, and sessions of the Friends of North Carolina Public Libraries and the North Carolina chapter of the Special Libraries Association. Last August she gave the keynote address at the "Women in Library Management" workshop and also attended the annual meeting of the White House Conference on Library and Information Services Taskforce in Williamsburg. Mrs. Dorsey also visits individual libraries. She keeps in touch with many librarians and citizen supporters throughout the state.

William C. Friday, Honorary Membership



Throughout his thirty-year career as President of the University of North Carolina system, William Clyde Friday has been a consistent and dedicated supporter of the state's cultural and educational institutions. Among the many institutions which

have received his support are North Carolina's libraries. An avid reader himself, he knows the importance of all kinds of libraries for the betterment of our people. During his presidency of the University system, especially since the consolidation in 1973, President Friday has sought funds to build new libraries or additions to libraries at twelve of the sixteen campuses. Even now construction is under way at Asheville, Raleigh, Wilmington, and Winston-Salem, with the new library at Fayetteville State scheduled for dedication this fall. The North Carolina Library Association expresses the gratitude of all librarians for his strong support of our common cause and is pleased to acknowledge his many contributions.

Ila Taylor Justice, Life Membership



Ila Taylor Justice went to Appalachian State University in 1949 to chair the fledgling Department of Library Science, a position she held until 1965, and then again on an interim basis in 1973. She immediately identified herself as a strong supporter of and

participant in NCLA. Twice she served as chair of the Education for Librarianship Committee, during which time two statewide and productive workshops were held under her direction—one in Boone at Appalachian State and one in Winston-Salem. She also edited the quarterly *Library Education Bulletin*. During the time she served on the Library Resources Committee, she helped establish the Inter-Library Loan Code, adopted statewide. She was co-chair of the School Libraries Division (now NCASL) for one biennium. In recognition of her contribution to the development of school libraries in North Carolina, Mrs. Justice was a recipient of the Mary Peacock Douglas Award. Perhaps the greatest contribution of all has been her example and inspiration to her students and colleagues in keeping faith with and working toward the improvement of the library profession and in supporting her professional organization.

Marjorie Wilkins Lindsey, Life Membership



Marjorie Wilkins Lindsey, better known to North Carolina librarians as Marge Lindsey, began her professional career as Reader's Adviser in the Washington, D.C., Public Library and from there she held library positions at the University of Nebraska

and at the Lincoln School in Nepal. She was employed for over twenty years with the North Carolina State Library. Throughout her career she has been an active member of ALA, SLA, NCLA and other library and education associations; however, her major participation has been in NCLA. As editor of *Tar Heel Libraries*, she promoted communication among all North Carolina libraries. Marge Lindsey's various positions at the State Library led from technical services to reference service to Library Consultant to State Agencies, and finally to Consultant for Multitype Library Cooperation. It was in this latter role that

she had the major responsibility for carrying out the State Library's statutory obligation to promote and coordinate cooperation among academic, public, school, and special libraries in the state. Her vision of libraries sharing resources through networking and her initial efforts in laying the foundation for implementing a statewide program paved the way for North Carolina to be actively involved today in developing statewide networking that is a model studied by other states. Marge Lindsey has always been constant in her support of libraries and has been on the cutting edge of library development in North Carolina.

Craig Phillips, Honorary Membership



During the past forty-one years Dr. Craig Phillips has served North Carolina schools—as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, superintendent of two large school systems, and as the State Superintendent—and in all he has been a consistent and dedicated supporter of school library media programs and has made a definite difference in each program. At the state level he has elevated the library media program from a divisional status to one of the six major areas of the Department of Public Instruction. Some of the other major accomplishments under his leadership, support, and guidance include:

- the addition of eight regional media and technology coordinators
- an increase in allocation of state funds for materials from \$7.25 per student to more than \$26 per student
- an increase in the number of library media professionals at a ratio of one for each four hundred students, which will require an additional one thousand media positions by 1993.
- the implementation of a computer education program in the schools.

It is a privilege to welcome Dr. Craig Phillips to the North Carolina Library Association as an honorary member.

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Mae Suellen Tucker, Life Membership



Mae Suellen Tucker, born in Mount Holly, educated at Appalachian State University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has worked tirelessly for her fellow citizen—truly service above self. She retired from the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County as Assistant Director for Main Library Services. Mae's unobtrusive presence was felt in Mecklenburg County library circles, in NCLA, SELA, and the American Library Association. As a librarian's librarian, she has been a contributing member of countless library committees. Her contributions and services to NCLA are too numerous to mention in this limited time, but include serving on the Executive Board as Recording Secretary (1963-65), serving as SELA Representative, as chair of both the Public Library Section (1957-59) and Junior Members Round Table (1948-49) and of the Development Committee (1972-73), serving several times on the Editorial Board of *North Carolina Libraries*, and participating actively in Library Education Conferences and workshops. She has been active in civic, education, and religious organizations as well. Without exception, she has served well, been respected for her integrity and knowledge, and loved for being a kind and loving person.

Allegra Marie Westbrooks, Life Membership

Allegra Marie Westbrooks is a true North Carolina librarian. Born in Fayetteville, she worked most of her adult life in the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, first as librarian of the Brevard Street Branch and then as Acquisitions Librarian for the system. She retired as Assistant Director for Branch Library Services. Known for her professional knowledge, her calm manner, and wise assessment of any situation, she was frequently called upon for advice by employees, co-workers, associates, and supervisors. Over the years she was called to serve every library organization of which she was a member, from her local staff organization to the American Library Association, and many organizations and worthy causes outside the library world. As Acquisitions Librarian, she coordinated and supplemented the collection development of Charlotte Public into one of depth and breadth, recognized as one of the best public collections in the South. As Assistant Director of Branch Services, she welded the branch staff into a cohesive

unit of outstanding library service. As an association member, she was a tireless worker and

acknowledged leader during her thirty some years of service.

Leonard Johnson 1931-1987

In his relatively brief career, Leonard Johnson made an impressive impact on both his chosen field of school librarianship and on his professional association. It has always seemed that NCLA was an extension of the man himself and of his career. When I thought of NCLA, I thought of Leonard and when I thought of Leonard, I thought of NCLA. He was devoted to the association; it was close to his heart and one of his major enterprises. He served on many committees of NCLA as well as in NCASL. He was Chairman of the Development Committee in 1974-75 and was SELA Representative in 1972-73. He held the "big" offices with distinction—for several terms as treasurer (1965-1969) and was president for one term (1978-1979). He was equally committed to the ALA and various education associations.

Ila Justice and I probably knew Leonard better than most of the people present here today. We did not have the privilege of knowing him as a child and a teenager, but he was one of "our boys", earning both the bachelor's and the master's degrees from ASU. He pursued further graduate studies at Illinois. He was pleasant, quiet, unassuming, reliable, steady—not our most brilliant student but one who pursued his goals diligently. He worked for us as an undergraduate and was Mrs. Justice's graduate assistant. The personal and professional characteristics he exhibited with us were carried over into his work.

His first job was as coordinator of school libraries in High Point. While there he exchanged

jobs with Norris McClellan of LSU, teaching there while she directed the High Point system. Valuable insights for both were the result. After a brief tour of duty with the U.S. Army (54th Infantry, 4th Armored Division), he became a school library consultant in the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. In 1961 he and his wife, the late Mary Frances Kinnon Johnson, moved to Greensboro, where she became affiliated with the Department of Library Services at the University and he became Director of Library Media Services for the Greensboro City Schools, a position he held until his retirement in 1985. He also served as an adjunct faculty member of the Department of Library Services at UNC-G.

In addition to library and media activities, he served on Southern Association evaluation teams and did consultant and editorial work for the World Book Encyclopedia and University Press Books.

We miss Leonard sorely, but are fully aware of his forward looking leadership that helped bring school libraries into the mainstream of library development and helped them chart their course through the explosion of new activities and responsibilities. If it is true that a man himself and his works live after him, we shall enjoy Leonard's presence among us for a long time to come. And so, Leonard, "Farewell".

Eunice Query




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Hansel and McGinn Win Ray Moore Award

The Ray Moore Award was established by NCLA in memory of Ray Nichols Moore, 1914-1975. Mrs. Moore was a public librarian in Durham, N.C., serving as director of the Stanford L. Warren Library for 22 years. She was also active in statewide library affairs, first as a member of the North Carolina Negro Library Association, then after 1954 as a member of NCLA. At the time of her death, she was assistant director of the Durham County Public Library; public library editor of *North Carolina Libraries*; and chairman of the Intellectual Freedom Committee of both NCLA and the Southeastern Library Association.

The Ray Moore Award is presented at the conference for the best article about public libraries published in *North Carolina Libraries* during the preceding biennium. The winner of the award is determined by the editorial board of *North Carolina Libraries*.

This year's winners are: Patsy Hansel for her article "Unobtrusive Evaluation for Improvement: The Cumberland Co. Public Library and Information Center Experience," in the Summer 1986 issue; and Howard McGinn for his article, "The North Carolina Information Network—A Vital Cog in Economic Development," in the Fall 1986 issue. 

RTSS "Best Article" award named for Doralyn Hickey


At its August 1987 meeting in Wilmington the Executive Board of NCLA's Resources and Technical Services Section voted to name the section's "Best *North Carolina Libraries* Article" award in honor of the late Doralyn Joanne Hickey in recognition of her many contributions to librarianship. The honor was felt to be especially appropriate in view of Dr. Hickey's strong ties to North Carolina.

These ties date from early work as an assistant in Duke University's Divinity School Library previous to her attainment of an MLS at Rutgers University in 1957. After work as a serials cataloger at Rice University, she returned to Duke to pursue a Ph.D. in religion which she received in 1962, the same year she entered the UNC School of Library Science as assistant professor.

Dr. Hickey served on the faculty at UNC-Chapel Hill from 1962 to 1974. From 1965 to 1967 she was chair of the RTSS Section of NCLA. Her commitment to technical services showed in numerous other ways, notably in her service as

president of the Resources and Technical Services Division of ALA in 1974/75 and her work as managing editor of *Library Resources and Technical Services*. She was a member of the Catalog Code Revision Committee 1975/76-1977/78 and chair of the AACR2 Introductory Program Committee. That her interests were even more than national in scope is witnessed by her activities in IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) in which she chaired the Division of Bibliographic Control. In 1973 she received the ALA Margaret Mann Citation in Cataloging and Classification for "outstanding professional achievement" in librarianship.

In 1974 Dr. Hickey became director and later dean of the School of Library and Information Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. During her tenure, the school's program won ALA accreditation. In 1977 she accepted a position as professor at the North Texas State University School of Library and Information Science, where she remained until her death on March 18, 1987. Her exemplary career in librarianship has left a legacy that will be long remembered.

The first recipient of the RTSS Doralyn Joanne Hickey "Best Article" Award is Don Beagle, director of the Lee County Public Library for his article "Decision points in small scale automation" in the Fall 1986 *North Carolina Libraries*, pp. 159-169. He is the fourth to receive the award since it was established in 1981. 



Gene Leonardi, RTSS Section Editor of *North Carolina Libraries* presents the Doralyn J. Hickey Best Article Award to Don Beagle, director of the Lee County Public Library.



The 1987 North Carolina Library Association and SIRS Intellectual Freedom Awards were presented on October 29 in Winston-Salem at the biennial conference of the state association. Dr. Gene D. Lanier of East Carolina University and Chairman of the Intellectual Freedom Committee of NCLA made the presentations along with Mark Bearwald representing Social Issues Resources Series, Inc. of Boca Raton, Florida.

Receiving the 1987 awards which included a plaque and \$500 to the recipients as well as \$500 to the library designated by the recipients, Durham County Public Library, were Dale E. Gaddis and Betty S. Clark, director and associate director. They were chosen by the Committee because of their dedication to intellectual freedom and their courage during the controversy concerning their library displays during Gay Pride Week, 1986. With the support of their Board of Trustees they defended the exhibits through intense community debates, letters to the editor in newspapers, telephone calls, and a campaign to recall the mayor of Durham. Dr. Lanier cited their professionalism and dedication in defending the right to read, view, and listen at the presentation ceremonies. A luncheon was also provided in their honor.



1985-87 NCLA Executive Board Members from left to right are: seated Rebecca Taylor, Stephanie Issette, Rose Simon, Frances Bradburn, Pauline Myrick, Nancy Fogarty, Elizabeth Smith, Jean Amelang, Dorothy Campbell. Standing: Patsy Hansel, Ariel Stephens, Leland Park, Jake Killian, Nancy Massey, Mary McAfee, Helen Tugwell, Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin, Mary Avery, Kieth Wright, Ben Speller, and Jerry Thrasher.

**Resolutions of the
North Carolina Library Association
Biennial Conference, 1987**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Library Association has been assembled in its biennial conference in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, October 28-30, 1987; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Association have experienced successful and highly beneficial meetings;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Association express their gratitude especially to Pauline Myrick, who has graciously served with distinction as the President during the 1985-1987 biennium, and to the Executive Board, officers of sections and committee members, all of whom have given many hours of dedicated service in furthering the aims and goals of the Association;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Association express its appreciation to the City of Winston-Salem and the County of Forsyth for their hospitality and the welcome brought by Donna Lambeth on behalf of Mayor Wayne Corpening and the greetings from the Commissioners brought by Wayne Willard;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Association formally extend its appreciation to the staff, trustees and Friends of the Forsyth County Public Library, William H. Roberts, III, Director, for the entertaining open house at the Library; to the Lieutenant Governor, Robert B. Jordan, III, and the Honorable Patric Dorsey, Secretary of Cultural Resources, as well as to Dr. William Summers, President-Elect of the American Library Association, and to Charles Beard, President of Southeastern Library Association, for their participation in the conference;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Association extend thanks to all of the Conference Planning Committee who worked diligently to make the conference a success: to David Fergusson, Conference Manager; to William Roberts, Local Arrangements Chairman, and his administrative assistant, Sharon Watts, for their efforts; to Ann Gehlen, who chaired the Registration Committee, and to all who staffed the registration table; to Exhibits Chairman Mary Louise Cobb and Vice Chairman Susan Taylor; to the managers and staffs of the Benton Convention Center and the Hyatt and Stouffer Hotels, as well as to Ben Dalby and the staff of Convention Caterers for the food and banquet arrangements; to Art Weeks, Brodart and their representative Michael Wilder for designing and printing the conference program; and to all the exhibitors for their excellent displays and helpfulness;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that special thanks be given to all speakers and program participants, and for the support provided by LSCA funding of several programs, and to all who by their efforts and presence contributed to the success of the conference;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Association express its appreciation to President-Elect Patsy Hansel for her part in the conference and extend best wishes to her and the new Executive Board for the coming biennium; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be included in the official Minutes of the Association and be printed in the conference issue of *North Carolina Libraries*.

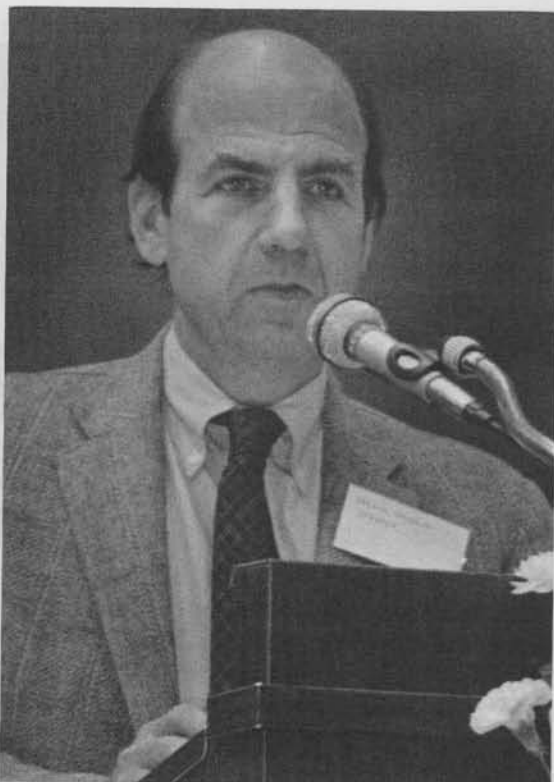
Resolutions Committee

Leland M. Park

Helen Tugwell

Arial Stephens

Mertys Bell, Chairman



Calvin Trillin is pictured above as he addresses the NCLA Biennial Conference General Session.



The opening address of the 1987 North Carolina Library Association's Biennial Conference in Winston-Salem on October 28-30 was delivered by Maya Angelou, writer, actress, and Reynolds Professor of American Studies at Wake Forest University.



Pauline F. Myrick, 1985-87 NCLA President, and Patsy J. Hansel, 1987-89 NCLA President, shared the spotlight at the 1987 NCLA Biennial Conference in Winston-Salem, October 28-30.



NCLA Conference Committee opens the exhibits. From left to right are Dave Fergusson, Bill Roberts, Michael Wilder, Pauline Myrick, Patsy Hansel, Mary Louise Cobb, Art Weeks, Michael Markwith.