

1989 Biennial Conference

Libraries: Designing for the 90s

A new decade is about to arrive! Speculation is that it will be a time when we move from a production economy to a service economy. Library services, facilities, and programs need to be designed to meet the challenges of a changing society.

The October 10-13, 1989, North Carolina Library Association Conference - "Libraries: Designing for the 90s" - will help to prepare us for the new decade of librarianship. Speakers and presenters will deal with both the generalities and the specifics of libraries. The Charlotte location will add to the excitement as plans are designed to move North Carolina libraries and library personnel into the 90s.

The first general session will be highlighted with Roy Blount, Jr.'s speech entitled "Out With the Eighties." Blount, the author of seven books, had his one-man show described by *The New Yorker* as "the most humorous and engaging fifty minutes in town." He has made numerous appearances on television and radio and is a contributing author to a variety of magazines. The NCLA general session programs will be complimented by a variety of talented, versatile and dynamic speakers. Some of these include: Will Manley, Director of Tempe Public Library; Dr. Jessie Carney Smith, Library Director, Fisk University; Jinx Melia, author of *Breaking into the Boardroom*; Dorothy Spruill Redford, author of *Somerset Homecoming: Recovering a Lost Heritage*; filmmaker Tom Davenport; Kathleen Weibel, Director of Libraries, Ohio Wesleyan University; and children's authors Alvin Schwartz and Jamie Gilson. In addition a preconference session entitled "Meeting the Censor: A Skills Development Workshop," sponsored by the Intellectual Freedom Committee, is scheduled for Tuesday.

A placement center will be available for job seekers and those with jobs to advertise. Jobs will be posted and resumes collected prior to the conference. Rooms for interviews may be scheduled at the placement center. A session on interviewing skills will be part of the conference program.

Vendors and their exhibits will be in the large exhibit hall and available to participants throughout the conference. Participants can purchase t-shirts, posters, and bookmarks at the ALA store.

A variety of social events are also planned. The "new" Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenberg County will be available for visits and a scheduled special event on Thursday evening. A dinner and library school receptions are planned for Wednesday evening. The Roundtable on the Status of Women and the Children's Services Section have scheduled a reception at Discovery Place, and the Roundtable on Ethnic Minority Concerns plans a reception at the Afro-American Cultural Center.

The conference housing form is printed in this edition of *North Carolina Libraries*. Early reservations are encouraged. Piedmont Airlines has been designated as the official airline. A thirty-five percent discount on regular coach fares is available to conference participants who refer to gold file number 531039.

Charlotte is an exciting urban area and the 1989 NCLA conference will take place right uptown—near the new public library and within walking distance of Spirit Square and City Fare. Conference registration will be mailed in August. Mark your calendar now, so you will be part of "Libraries: Designing for the 90s," October 10-13, 1989.



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First-come, first-served. The Housing Bureau will make hotel assignments on a first-come, first-served basis. If additional copies of this form are needed, *photocopies will be accepted*. **Reservations must be received by September 10, 1989.** After this date we cannot guarantee the conference room rate. **Deposit.** All housing applications must be accompanied by a deposit of one night's rate for each room requested or a credit card number with the expiration date. **No telephone calls!!** Reservations will not be taken by phone.

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