

Professional Vacancies

Bookmobile Librarian — Central N. C. Regional Library

The Central N. C. Regional Library will have a vacancy in November for a bookmobile librarian in Alamance County. Applications of persons with a degree in L.S. from an accredited library school will be welcomed. Very liberal benefits in retirement, health insurance, vacation, and other leave for all employees.

County Director — Halifax County

The Halifax County Library needs a director. Must be certified. Salary according to North Carolina State Library pay schedule. Contact Mrs. L. C. Marshall, Library Board Chairman, Box 216, Enfield, North Carolina 27823.

County Librarian — Anson County

Certified librarian needed as soon as possible to head the Anson County Library in Wadesboro. The library is part of the Sandhill Region Library System and will be moving into beautiful new quarters in August. Salary \$9,000 plus retirement, health insurance, paid vacation, and sick leave. Applications should be sent to Robert H. May, Coordinator of Services, Sandhill Regional Library, 1104 East Broad Avenue, Rockingham, North Carolina 28379.

County Librarian (Chowan County — Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library)

Certified librarian needed August 1st for library in beautiful, historic Edenton — part of the Pettigrew Regional Library System.

Salary \$9,000 plus retirement and hospital insurance, 12 days sick leave, 3 week vacation. Applications should be sent to Mrs. Nellie M. Sanders, Director, Pettigrew Regional Library, Box 786, Plymouth, North Carolina 27962.

Regional Director — Sandhill Regional Library

Position open as director of Sandhill Regional Library System which is composed of Moore, Montgomery, Richmond and Anson County libraries. Present professional staff includes an assistant director, children's librarian, and coordinator of adult services. Modern work offices and conference room located in Rockingham (Richmond County). Two new county libraries (in Carthage and Troy); one recently remodeled (in Rockingham); and a building presently being remodeled as a library (in Wadesboro). MLS degree and experience required. Salary negotiable with Board. Excellent benefits. Send resume to Sandhill Regional Library, 1104 East Broad Avenue, Rockingham, North Carolina 28379.

Town Librarian — Southern Pines

The Southern Pines Library needs a certified librarian to take charge of busy library. Pleasant building and grounds, air conditioned. Experienced assistant and other help as needed. Send resume and salary expected to Miss Lockie Parker, Secretary to Trustees, Southern Pines, North Carolina 28387.

Classified Advertising

Beginning with the next issue **NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES** will provide a clearing house for library employment by establishing a classified advertising section such as that which appears above. **NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES** will accept classified advertisements for positions wanted, positions open, items for sale or exchange and items wanted. No commercial advertising will be accepted for the last two categories.

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FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE

Government Documents: **Mineral Resources of The U. S.** pts. 1 & 2, 1919-1927. **Minerals Yearbook**, various pts. 1952-64. A few **Congressional Directories** and **Statistical Abstracts**. Service Monographs of the U. S. Government Institute for Government Research (27). Contact: Librarian, Greensboro College, Greensboro, N. C. 27420.

WANTED

Library Technical Assistant to handle orders, share circulation duties in small college library. Some night duty. Typing required, book-keeping helpful. Position open Jan. 2, 1973. Reply to: Ad. C-1, Associate Editor, **North Carolina Libraries**, Greensboro College, Greensboro, N. C. 27420.

**Obiter Dictum
or
A Day in the Life of an
Academic Librarian**

"Yes, the New York Times Index
is unreasonably slow in coming.
Have you tried the Reader's Guide?"
"Must you have all five magazines now?
We are closing in five minutes."
"No, you cannot have these books
renewed a second time —
Someone else may need them."
"I am sorry, we do not lend directly
to students of other institutions."
(Aside) "How long would we be
in business if we did?"

Check windows, flash lights,
put away encyclopedias,
remove Coca Cola cups
and candy papers;
listen for clogs coming down the stairs.

As the weary librarian
turns the key in the door,
the old refrain pops into her head —
"This old library, she ain't
what she used to be."

No, it is not.
In the 'good old days',
An afternoon at the desk meant
a quiet time
to catch up on odd jobs,
revise catalog cards,
and, best of all,
sneak in a little leisure reading.
Now, it is busy, busy
all the time —
not just the night before exams or a test.

In serious moments, we try to
sort out the reasons.
The Registrar tells us the kids
are smarter. We know they
are brash and sophisticated;
work only when they feel like it,
but are more familiar with library materials
than formerly.

They say the faculty is cracking down.
All of these reasons are valid,
and go to make up the picture
of the weary librarian trying to cope
with today's students.

Why this stubborn persistence —
long hours, low pay, and the privilege of
being a second-class citizen
on a college campus?

Just doing what comes naturally.

Anna Cooper

