

NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY SCIENCE CERTIFICATION

Requirements for School Librarians

Any individual applying for certification in Library science whose training has been at a North Carolina college or university (1) must have completed an approved program in library science from an institution approved by the State Board of Education to prepare school librarians and (2) must be recommended by that institution or (in unusual and extenuating situations) must meet the State's minimum legal requirements of courses taken in state approved programs.

On May 2, 1968, the State Board of Education adopted new guidelines relating to the preparation of school librarians beginning with the 1968-69 school year. It will be observed that there are two levels of preparation. The requirements that will be used by the State Certification office for programs that are classified as irregular (teachers from out of state, those adding another field, or those that did not go through any approved program) will be as follows:

Teacher-Librarian 12 sem. hrs.

- Organization, including the organization and administration of school media centers and their collections 3-6
- Materials, including selection and use of materials for children and/or young people, reference materials and audiovisual media 6-9

School Librarian 18 sem. hrs.

- Organization, including the organization and administration of school media centers and their collections; cataloging 6
- Materials, including selection and use of materials for children and young people, reference materials, and audiovisual materials 9
- Electives in library science 3

The above 18 semester hours must include only library science work. Audiovisual courses are not recognized unless they carry library science titles.

Graduate Certification

If a teacher-librarian ("A" certificate level) wishes to qualify for the graduate certificate, he must complete a minimum of 12 hours of graduate credit in library science and at least the same amount of graduate credit in his teaching field. This assumes that the person involved meets the requirements for the Master's Degree. One qualifying for the "A" certificate as a school librarian (18 semester hour program) may or may not qualify for a teaching certificate in some other field. When a teaching field is not involved, a minimum of 18 semester hours of graduate credit in library science must be completed to qualify for the graduate certificate as a school librarian. If a teaching field is involved with the 18 hour undergraduate program, then there must be at least

12 semester hours of graduate credit in both the teaching field and library science. This program would lead to the graduate certificate in both fields.

*North Carolina Colleges and Universities Offering Library Science
Programs Approved by the State Board of Education*

Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina. Dr. Doris Cox, Chairman, Department of Library Science

Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina. Mrs. Barbara Hunt Bryan, Librarian

East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina. Mr. Gene Lanier, Chairman, Department of Library Science

North Carolina College at Durham, Durham, North Carolina. Miss Evelyn B. Pope, Acting Dean, School of Library Science

Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, North Carolina. Dr. Lloyd G. Lowder, Chairman, Department of Education

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Dr. Walter Sedelow, Dean, School of Library Science

University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, North Carolina. Mrs. Mary Frances Kennon Johnson, Chairman, Department of Library Science

Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina. Mr. Donald N. Bentz, Chairman, Department of Library Science

NORTH CAROLINIANS FOR BETTER LIBRARIES HOLD THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

Report of Legislative Commission to Study Library Support from State Discussed

Four members of the Legislative Commission to Study Library Support in North Carolina (Senator Hector MacLean of Lumberton, Representative Thomas E. Strickland of Goldsboro and Charles W. Phillips of Greensboro, and Commission Chairman David Stick of Kitty Hawk) and approximately 140 librarians, trustees, and friends of North Carolina libraries attended the third annual meeting of North Carolinians for Better Libraries (NCBL) in Raleigh October 4, 1968.

Chairman David Stick, representing the Commission, commended the Institute of Government at UNC-CH, League of Municipalities, Association of County Commissioners, State Library Staff, and several public librarians for their assistance and guidance to Commission members in drafting the report. He noted the state appropriation to public libraries during the current fiscal year is \$650,000, considerably less than the amount of state aid recommended by the Commission in years to come. (The Commission's report, released last August, proposes that the State of North Carolina immediately increase appropriations for public libraries by \$1 million a year as a first step toward gradually assuming equal responsibility with local governments for library support.)

Those present at the meeting were urged by Chairman Stick to contact their legislators prior to the convening of the 1969 General Assembly in January and encourage them to support the Commission's recommendations for increased state aid to public libraries.