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May I thank you and congratulate you on the splendid issue of *North Carolina Libraries* featuring National Library Week in North Carolina. I've had many fine comments on the issue, and I'm sure its influence will be effective in the goals which we had for our program this year.

We had approximately 200 additional copies printed which we took to the legislative luncheon in Raleigh and the Rotary Club luncheon at Goldsboro. All the copies were picked up voluntarily. I hope they will be read, at least in part, by some of our lay citizens promoting library work throughout the State. Congratulations on the good job that you have done!

I think the Proclamation which the Governor issued is very beautifully worded and very pertinent. I think many librarians have not seen it as it did not get the newspaper publicity we expected. As a matter of record, I think it would be worthwhile to include the text in a future issue if you have space. I'm sending a copy of your issue to National Headquarters of NLW in my report to them next month.

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In reading the current issue (Spring 1969) of *North Carolina Libraries*, I find a misstatement in the guest editor's article which should be corrected in the next issue.

On page 46, the fifth paragraph begins by stating "the state makes no appropriation for public libraries now. Such an appropriation is not authorized." Even the third sentence is incorrect—tax money for public libraries is available providing the unit, county or city has had a referendum vote and it was favorable.

The state aid appropriation which is money distributed to public libraries for grants and aid was \$666,250 for 1966/67 and was \$736,250 for 1967/68. This money has to be appropriated by the State Legislature before the State Library may use it.

If you need further clarification of this matter, Mr. Ogilvie, the State Librarian, can supply the latest information.

Thanks for your attention to this matter.

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