

which are interested in developing and improving local libraries has appeared on the Tar Heel library landscape.

The organization, known as North Carolinians for Better Libraries, was issued incorporation papers by Secretary of State Thad Eure in May. Its purpose is "to assist local groups and such statewide organizations as the North Carolina Association of Library Trustees in improving the State's libraries to the end that a public library adequately stocked, properly staffed, and achieving state and national standards will be accessible to every citizen."

Specific goals of NCBL are: (1) "to encourage and assist formation or effective continuation of local groups to promote better libraries in every county or region" and (2) "to gather and disseminate to local groups helpful information, materials, and shared experiences for their use in library improvement programs."

In a statement issued April 19, Governor Dan K. Moore declared that NCBL "will provide the framework for a substantial program to help our public libraries help themselves." Moore urged all Tar Heel citizens "to support the organization and its realistic and meaningful goals."

At the first meeting of the group's Board of Directors held in Raleigh May 13 author David Stick of Kitty Hawk was elected president. Other officers chosen at this meeting were: J. Allen Adams, Raleigh attorney, vice-president; Mrs. James W. Reid, library trustee, Raleigh, secretary; and James D. Blount, Jr., library trustee, Rockingham, treasurer. Members of the executive committee are Adams, chairman; Hector McLean, state senator from Lumberton; Mrs. John Spears, Lillington; and Mrs. Reid.

During its organizational process NCBL sought the advice and counsel of the State Library, North Carolina Association of Library Trustees, and North Carolina Library Association. An executive director to coordinate the organization's program will be appointed later this year. Headquarters for NCBL will be located in Raleigh.

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## EXPANSION OF LIBRARY RESOURCES ESSENTIAL

Expanded and enriched library resources in all types of libraries are essential to meet present and future needs of North Carolina's increasing population, approximately 60 librarians and friends of libraries in the Tar Heel state were told at a meeting Sunday, April 17, in the auditorium of the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

The speaker was Dr. Robert B. Downs, dean of library administration at the University of Illinois and director of the comprehensive study of the state's library resources made in 1964. He noted several factors creating the need for such expansion: an upsurge in industrial development, increase in agricultural extension work with heavy emphasis on community reading programs, prison rehabilitation programs stressing bibliotherapy, an emphasis on "quality education" in elementary and secondary schools, and establishment of community colleges and technical institutes throughout the state.

Focusing his attention on public libraries, Downs stated that public library standards in North Carolina are "distressingly low" in such areas as number of books per capita, physical facilities, and number of trained librarians. To illustrate, he noted that less than one book per person is available in the state's public libraries. The attainment of nationally

recognized standards in these areas will require substantial state and Federal aid, Downs asserted.

The Illinois librarian was introduced by Philip Ogilvie, state librarian. Other speakers at the meeting, which officially opened National Library Week in North Carolina, were George M. Stephens of Asheville, chairman of the N. C. Association of Library Trustees, and Arthur Jones of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County NLW chairman. Several state legislators attended the meeting, which was planned by staff members of the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

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## NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS BY-LAWS<sup>1</sup>

### ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the North Carolina Association of School Librarians, a Section of the North Carolina Library Association.

### ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this organization shall be (a) to unite in this group North Carolina Library Association members interested in school libraries, (b) to provide an opportunity for discussion and activity, and (c) to seek to fulfill the objectives of the North Carolina Library Association.

### ARTICLE III: MEMBERS

Members of the North Carolina Library Association who state a preference for this Section at the time of payment of Association dues shall become members.

### ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

The Officers of this Section shall be a chairman, a chairman-elect, who shall serve as vice-chairman, a secretary-treasurer, and four directors.

### ARTICLE V: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the chairman, vice-chairman, secretary-treasurer, the four directors, and the immediate past chairman. The supervisor, Library and Instructional Materials Service, State Department of Public Instruction, shall serve as an ex-officio member.

2. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Section and shall have the power to act on administrative business of the Section in the intervals between regular meetings. Such administrative business shall include only that business which necessarily must be dealt with prior to the next regular meeting.

3. A quorum shall consist of five members of the Executive Committee.

### ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

1. The regular meetings shall be held as a section meeting of the biennial meeting of NCLA and during the work conference of the Section.