

The State Library Board, through State Librarian Philip S. Ogilvie, has issued a statement expressing the Board's enthusiasm for North Carolinians for Better Libraries and the belief that "it is clearly an organization of our times and for our times." The statement reads:

"North Carolinians for Better Libraries is attracting to itself the state's most alive and aware leadership who is bringing to its program a spirit of rapid, exciting change in which they are already involved. This response demonstrates a mature understanding of and faith in the importance of libraries of all kinds in North Carolina. It also contributes to the increase of their vitality. The future of such an organization is unlimited, and it may well become the most significant force for library progress in North Carolina in this decade and for years to come."

The labor of many months has been directed toward the first annual meeting of the organization early in 1967, with representatives from all 100 counties participating. This culminating step in the statewide organizational process, however, marks but the first step toward accomplishment on the local level of the aim of North Carolinians for Better Libraries — Better Libraries for all North Carolinians.

1. Mrs. Reid is the secretary of North Carolinians for Better Libraries and an active member of the N. C. Association of Library Trustees.

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"A library is not worth anything without a catalogue — it is a Polythemus without any eye in his head."—Thomas Carlyle, Testimony Before British Museum Commission, February, 1849.

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"It is not observed that . . . librarians are wiser men than others."—Ralph W. Emerson, *Spiritual Laws*, 1844.

## NORTH STATE NEWS BRIEFS

### DEMONSTRATION CENTERS SELECTED

In April of this year the State Department of Public Instruction selected ten North Carolina schools with outstanding library programs to serve as demonstration centers for the school years 1966-67 and 1967-68. These schools, nominated by their school systems, were chosen from more than fifty applications. Each school has received special funds for the acquisition of additional library materials — print and audio-visual — in order to supply full complement of school library resources.

Funds to support the demonstration school library programs were provided in the North Carolina State Plan for Title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. Project applications were evaluated on the basis of specified criteria for personnel, facilities, and library programs. The schools selected will serve as demonstration centers which school administrators, teachers, librarians, school board members, parents, and civic leaders may visit to observe excellent library programs in action. A list of the centers follows:

School	Grades	Administrative Unit
Gentry	1-9	Harnett County
Lawsonville Avenue	1-6	Reidsville City
Carroll T. Overton	1-6	Salisbury City
Pink Hill	1-8	Lenoir County
F. J. Carnage	7-9	Raleigh City
Kiser	7-9	Greensboro City
Lexington Middle	7-9	Lexington City
Hendersonville	9-12	Hendersonville City
Mooresville	9-12	Mooresville City
North Moore	9-12	Moore County

### RUZICKA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

Miss Mildred Jane Williams of Route 1, Charlotte, was awarded the Joseph V. Ruzicka scholarship during the summer of 1966 and began her graduate work in library science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in September.

A 1966 honor graduate of Pfeiffer College, Miss Williams was selected as the Ruzicka Scholarship winner by an NCLA committee chaired by Mrs. Vernelle Palmer of Spencer. Beginning this year, at the donor's request, the scholarship will be awarded annually rather than biennially as in previous years.

This year's recipient is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard A. Williams and a graduate of East Mecklenburg High School. Her interest in libraries dates back to her elementary and junior high school days when she worked in the libraries of the schools she attended. She was president of the Library Club at East Mecklenburg High School. While a student at Pfeiffer College, where she received her B.A. in English, Miss Williams was periodicals librarian and cataloging assistant in the Merner Library. During the summers of the years 1963-66, she was employed by the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County in various capacities. Her special interest is public library reference work.

In expressing her appreciation for the scholarship, Miss Williams stated, "I am grateful for the opportunity the Ruzicka Scholarship gives me to continue study in library science. I feel challenged to be worthy of the goals of skill, study, and achievement implied in this scholarship."

### PUBLIC LIBRARY RECOGNIZED

The Davie County Public Library in Mocksville is one of three public libraries serving a population up to 25,000 in the U. S. to receive recognition in the 21st John Cotton Dana publicity awards contest sponsored by the *Wilson Library Bulletin* and ALA's Public Relations Section.

The Davie County Library, which opened in April, 1966, received a Special Award "for an ambitious campaign making the new library building a county-wide enterprise." The award was presented Monday, July 11, during the ALA annual conference in New York City. The scrapbook of the library, which contained representative samplings of its publicity program, was displayed in the New York Hilton Hotel during the conference.

and is now available on interlibrary loan from the ALA Library, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

Awards were made to public libraries in each of five different population categories. Mrs. Paul B. Blackwelder is Davie County Librarian.

### SCHOOL LIBRARY HEAD TO SPEAK

Miss Cora Paul Bomar, supervisor of school library services, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, will present a paper dealing with the subject "The Impact of Federal Legislation on School Libraries" at an Institute on Federal Legislation for Libraries November 6-9. The Institute, sponsored by the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library Science, will be held at Robert Allerton Park near Monticello, Illinois, the University's conference center.

One of ten librarians who will present papers at the Institute, Miss Bomar will speak Monday, November 7. Sessions will be held each morning and afternoon, with a discussion scheduled to follow each speaker. Approximately 90 librarians representing public, academic, school, and special libraries are expected to attend the Institute. All papers presented will appear in published form and will be available to libraries.

### NORTH CAROLINA STATE APPOINTS LIBRARIAN

A librarian with a background of both technical work and industrial information experience has been appointed director of a new Technical Information Center for industry at North Carolina State University's D. H. Hill Library.

He is William C. Lowe, formerly with the Xerox Corporation of Rochester, New York, where he was a laboratory engineer and information specialist for twelve years. Lowe arrived on campus recently to begin setting up the center under the State Technical Services Program of North Carolina.

Purpose of the center is to provide a reference and information service to North Carolina industry for scientific and technical publications from both government and non-government sources. The technical library program cooperates closely with the North Carolina Board of Science and Technology Research Center, which administers a NASA program for the dissemination of space-related information.

Isaac T. Littleton, director of the D. H. Hill Library, did the initial planning for the NCSU center. Littleton said that Lowe brings with him broad experience in both industrial laboratory work as well as industrial information services.

### COLLEGES RECEIVE FEDERAL AID

A total of forty-two institutions of higher education in North Carolina recently received grants of \$5,000 each from the U. S. Office of Education for the purchase of library materials. The grants, which were made during the summer, were authorized by Title II of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

The institutions which received grants included seven community colleges, six junior colleges, and 29 senior colleges and universities. Both private and state-supported institutions were eligible for the grants, which were made to approximately 1,350 institutions throughout the U. S.

Materials acquired by libraries with grant funds included books, back runs of periodicals, microfilm, microcards, and recordings.

Total grants made to all institutions approximated seven million dollars.

### CONFERENCE COMMITTEE PLANS AHEAD

Initial plans for the 1967 NCLA conference in Charlotte are underway. During the past summer, Mrs. Mary Frances Crymes, chairman of the local arrangements committee; Ariel Stephens, exhibits committee chairman; and Hoyt Galvin, director of the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, met with a representative of the Queen Charlotte Hotel, site of the conference.

The three librarians learned that a Convention Hall with ample space for conference general sessions and exhibits is under construction immediately adjacent to the hotel and will be ready for occupancy by the time the conference is held. Conference dates are October 26-28. Additional parking space for hotel guests will also be available by October, 1967.

In addition to Mrs. Crymes, other members of the local arrangements committee are: Ray S. Barker, Jr., Queens College librarian; Mrs. Elizabeth Ledford, librarian, Charlotte-Mecklenburg County Law Library; Mrs. Ellen Moreland, serials librarian, Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County; and Alva W. Stewart, reference librarian, University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

General program chairman for the 1967 conference is Mrs. Mildred Council of Boone, incoming NCLA president. Details of the program will be announced in a subsequent issue of *North Carolina Libraries*.

### WOMEN RECEIVE MONAHAN SCHOLARSHIP

Two young women pursuing paramedical careers have been awarded the Helen Monahan Memorial Scholarship for study during the 1966-67 academic year.

They are Miss Elaine Hartman, a nursing student at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem; and Miss Maria Helms, a medical technology student at UNC in Greensboro. Each scholarship carries a stipend of \$200.

This scholarship, named in memory of Mrs. Helen Monahan, librarian of the Charlotte Medical Library from 1931 until her death in 1962, has been awarded to six different women since its inception in 1963. The scholarship is given by the Charlotte Medical Assistants Association to a resident of Mecklenburg County for study in nursing, medical technology, medical librarianship, or other paramedical field. Mrs. Monahan was a charter member of the Association and served as its adviser for several years.

Recipients of the scholarship are selected by a committee currently headed by Mrs. Melba M. Sloan of the Nalle Clinic in Charlotte. Applications for the scholarships are available from Mrs. Sloan.

### COLLEGE LIBRARIANS ATTEND INSTITUTE

Four North Carolina academic librarians were among approximately 100 librarians in attendance at the ALA pre-conference institute on library collections for non-Western studies held on the Douglass College campus in New Brunswick, N. J. July 7-9.

The Tar Heel quartet was composed of Charles Adams, librarian, UNC at Greensboro; Ray S. Barker, Jr., librarian of Queens College in Charlotte; Herbert Poole, librarian of Guilford College in Greensboro; and Alva W. Stewart, reference librarian, UNC at Charlotte. Adams served as a member of the Committee on Non-Western Resources, College Libraries Section of ALA, which planned the institute; the UNC-G librarian also led a discussion group on the Middle East during the institute.

In addition to three general sessions, area sessions were held on the acquisition and use of library materials relating to the following areas: South Asia, East Asia, Southeast Asia, Latin America, Middle East, and Africa south of the Sahara. Faculty members specializing in each of these areas from several American colleges and universities spoke at each of the area sessions, which were followed by small discussion groups led by librarians. Dr. Franklin D. Parker, a member of the history faculty at UNC-G, was the major speaker at the session on Latin America.

F. L. Wormald, vice-president, Association of American Colleges, set the tone for the institute in the opening address when he declared, "Understanding is the basic objective of a liberal education. Understanding requires an interchange of ideas or a dialogue between people of different cultures. Books and other materials provided by libraries are indispensable resources in carrying on this dialogue."

### SLA OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Special Libraries Association will offer scholarships for the academic year 1967-68 to be used for graduate study in special librarianship leading to a degree at an accredited library school in the United States or Canada.

Special libraries are those libraries within business, industry, and government that provide research and information services, and special librarians are men and women trained in the theory and practice of library science as well as in the fundamentals of a particular subject field.

College graduates working in a special library, or with experience in a special library, or recent college graduates or college seniors wishing to enter special librarianship are eligible to apply.

Qualifications of applicants are: (a) Definite interest in, and aptitude for special library work and a sincere intent to contribute to the profession, (b) financial need, and (c) provisional admittance to an accredited library school in the United States or Canada.

Application forms may be obtained from Special Libraries Association, 31 East 10th Street, New York, N. Y. 10003, and must be received by February 1, 1967 by the Scholarship and Student Loan Fund Committee of SLA. Scholarships will be awarded in May, 1967.

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"To desire to have many books, and never to use them, is like a child that will have a candle burning by him all the while he is asleep."—Henry Peacham, *The Compleat Gentleman*, 1622.

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"A great library contains the diary of the human race."—George Dawson, Address, October 26, 1866.