

NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES

Libraries Have Information for Voters

The American Library Association is cooperating with more than 100 other national organizations in the 1956 non-partisan "Register, Inform Yourself, and Vote" Campaign sponsored by the American Heritage Foundation. ALA won a top award for distinguished service in the previous campaign to get out the vote in the 1952 national election.

ALA President Ralph R. Shaw, Professor, Rutgers University Graduate School of Library Service, said:

"The campaign slogan, 'Don't Vote in the Dark' is especially significant to librarians. I am sure they will wish to spread this message in connection with the 1956 elections so that more people will use the library for information on the candidates and the issues. The slogan emphasizes the important area in which libraries continuously play their community role—helping citizens to be informed."

Mrs. Dorothy K. Smith, Interim Executive Secretary of the ALA Public Libraries Division, urged that librarians use the resources of their own libraries for the essential information job, and work closely with other groups in their local communities.

Posters especially designed for libraries are being distributed direct to libraries in towns of 10,000 population and over; other libraries may obtain them from the North Carolina State Library or by writing to the American Heritage Foundation, 11 West 42nd Street, New York 36, N. Y.