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Join Us for a Conversation  
with **Rob Christensen**,  
author of *The Rise and Fall of the  
Branchhead Boys*

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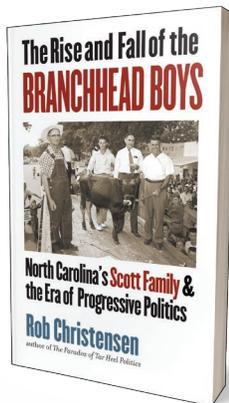
## Upcoming Events

### #EverythingNC: Author Series - A Conversation with Rob Christensen

September 28, 2019, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
State Library of North Carolina - Raleigh, NC



**Rob Christensen**



The #EverythingNC Author Series kicks off this Saturday with a discussion and book signing of *The Rise and Fall of the Branchhead Boys: North Carolina's Scott Family and the Era of Progressive Politics* with Rob Christensen, former News and Observer political columnist. Timothy Owens, State Librarian of North Carolina, will introduce Mr. Christensen.

*The Rise and Fall of the Branchhead Boys: North Carolina's Scott Family and the Era of Progressive Politics* weaves together interviews from political luminaries with deep archival research, offering an engaging historical account of not only the Scott family's legacy but also how race and populism informed North Carolina politics during the twentieth century.

This event is free of charge and brought to you by the N.C. Government and Heritage Library. The book will be available for purchase at this event. See event page at [bit.ly/2lxsFI2](http://bit.ly/2lxsFI2).



## A Conversation about Historic Oakwood Cemetery's Death Letter Project

**October 7, 2019**

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**October 7, 2019, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

State Library of North Carolina - Raleigh, NC

This will be an intimate conversation in the library with Simonton and Palko to discuss the **Oakwood Cemetery's Death Letter Project - North Carolina** as an opportunity to inspire the community to think about, reflect, and talk about death -- and life -- in a different way. The project invites residents from all walks of life and diverse backgrounds to handwrite letters about death. Participants are asked to explore questions such as "what is death?" and "what happens when we die?" or to explore a personal encounter with death. Throughout Historic Oakwood Cemetery's anniversary year, the contributed letters will be published online. See the event page at [bit.ly/2n2Q8KX](http://bit.ly/2n2Q8KX). To learn more about the **Death Letter Project**, visit [bit.ly/OakwoodDLP-NC](http://bit.ly/OakwoodDLP-NC).



## Removing Barriers to Great Service Workshop

**October 8 or 10, 2019**

## Removing Barriers to Great Service Workshop, presented by Maxine Bleiweis

**October 8, 2019, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Chapel Hill Public Library - Chapel Hill, NC

**October 10, 2019, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Hendersonville Public library - Hendersonville, NC

Maxine Bleiweis, a nationally recognized library management consultant, mentor, and coach, will lead a half-day workshop that will examine what gets in the way of reaching the people in our communities. We'll look at policies, practices, biases, space design, and anything we say "no" to. For more information and registration, click on a preferred date above. Please contact Continuing Education Consultant Lauren Clossey at [lauren.clossey@ncdcr.gov](mailto:lauren.clossey@ncdcr.gov) for information about this training.



## Mental Health First Aid Training

October 22, 2019

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October 22, 2019, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Cardinal Innovations Offices - Chapel Hill, NC

This workshop will discuss the risk factors and warning signs of a range of behavioral health issues. This course will cover the skills, knowledge, and resources to help connect individuals experiencing a crisis with professional care. Modified programs for both youth and older adults are available. For registration, visit [bit.ly/2IOJPuB](http://bit.ly/2IOJPuB). Please contact Continuing Education Consultant Lauren Clossey at [lauren.clossey@ncdcr.gov](mailto:lauren.clossey@ncdcr.gov) for information about this training.

## #EverythingNC: Author Series - A Conversation with Shelia Amir

October 26, 2019, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

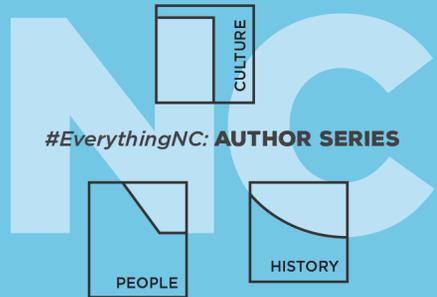
State Library of North Carolina - Raleigh, NC



Author **Shelia Amir**

Join us for the second event in the #EverythingNC Author Series for a conversation with **Shelia Amir**, author of *The Bulls of Durham*. *The Bulls of Durham* blends rich history with the stories and perspectives of Durham's greats, including teachers, politicians, business owners, hip-hop artists, painters, activists, historians, and architects.

This event is free of charge, and the book will be available for purchase. Brought to you by the N.C. Government and Heritage Library. See the event page at [bit.ly/2IPBdnr](http://bit.ly/2IPBdnr).



## A Conversation with Shelia Amir

October 26, 2019



## Public Library Standards Focus Group Meeting

Oct 30, 2019

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October 30, 2019, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Pack Memorial Library - Asheville, NC

Public Library Management Consultant **Lynda Reynolds** is calling for North Carolina library staff to help provide feedback and guidance in reviewing the 2012 Public Library Standards to supplement the 2012 standards, update them to reflect current trends and changes, complement local planning efforts and provide a consistent standard of library service across the state. These focus groups are open to staff of all levels and areas of work. Visit to [bit.ly/2IPkFfk](http://bit.ly/2IPkFfk) register.



View the full calendar of events at  
[www.ncdcr.gov/events](http://www.ncdcr.gov/events)

# What's New

## SLNC's Professional Collection Pilot Program is Now Live

This pilot project, coordinated by Adult Services Consultant **Jeffrey Hamilton**, is provided as an experimental service to library staff within the state. Books, kits, and maps are just a few of the items within the collection that can be accessed at <http://statelibrary.ncdcr.libguides.com/professional-collection>. Highlights of the collection include:

### Flow Circus Skill Toy Kits

[Flow Circus skill toy kits](#) are designed for ages teens and up to provide engaging programming, particularly around team building and resiliency, but can be used for any number of other programming ideas. If you have not been able to participate in some kind of Flow Circus training session in the past, they have a number of [how-to videos](#) on their website.

### Two National Geographic maps kits

A North Carolina map kit comes with its own uniquely created curriculum and activity supplies, and a solar system map kit comes with a National Geographic-created curriculum and adapted activity supplies.

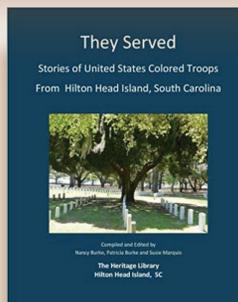
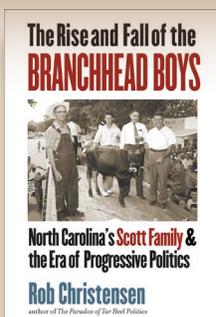
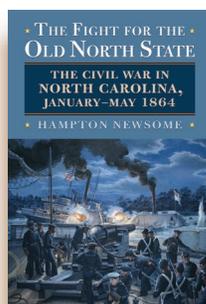
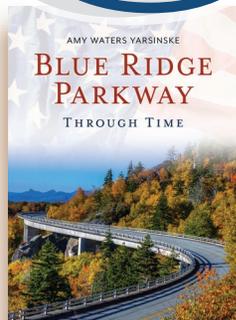
*This program has been made possible in part by a grant from the federal Institute of Museum of Library Services (IMLS), administered by the State Library of North Carolina (SLNC) (LS-00-18-0034-18).*



**Jeffrey Hamilton**  
Adult Services Consultant

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## TITLES OF NOTE in the Gov't & Heritage Library Collection:



1. *Blue Ridge Parkway through Time* by Amy Waters Yarsinske
2. *North Carolina's Blacklands Treasure* by Philip S. McMullan, Jr.
3. *The Fight for the Old North State: The Civil War in North Carolina, January-May 1864* by Hampton Newsome
4. *The Rise and Fall of the Branchhead Boys: North Carolina's Scott Family and the Era of Progressive Politics* by Rob Christensen
5. *They Served: Stories of United States Colored Troops from Hilton Head, South Carolina* by The Heritage Library



**Search the GHL Collection via the NC Cardinal catalog**

**Click here** to explore these titles and resources available through the Government and Heritage Library's collection



# Around the State

## LSTA Grant Applications Have Been Posted

The LSTA grant applications are now posted for the 2020-2021 LSTA grant application program. Please contact **Catherine Prince**, Federal Programs Consultant, at [catherine.prince@ncdcr.gov](mailto:catherine.prince@ncdcr.gov) for any questions. The website with applications can be found at [bit.ly/2n2IVf1](https://bit.ly/2n2IVf1).

## NC Cardinal Project Holds its Annual Meeting

In August 2019, NC Cardinal held its annual meeting. Eighty-one library staff from across the state attended, representing 41 counties and four municipal library systems. A wide variety of topics were discussed, ranging from a “year in review” to new projects and activities.



**CAPTIONS L-R:** Cardinal member libraries listening to NC Cardinal Systems Librarian **Courtney Brown** present on new libraries migrating into the consortium



## Noteworthy additions to the NC Digital Collections

- ☞ **Community Facilities Plan, Greenville, N.C.** [197Comm1] <http://bit.ly/2nzwpmJ>
- ☞ **In Touch with You** [Issues from 1978-1981] <http://bit.ly/2mZzc88>
- ☞ **Recreation Study and Guide for Haywood County** [1976] <http://bit.ly/2m2RCop>
- ☞ **Year by Year: A Mini History of the North Carolina School for the Deaf at Morganton, 1894-1994** <http://bit.ly/2mZ5JLS>

# Staff Out & About

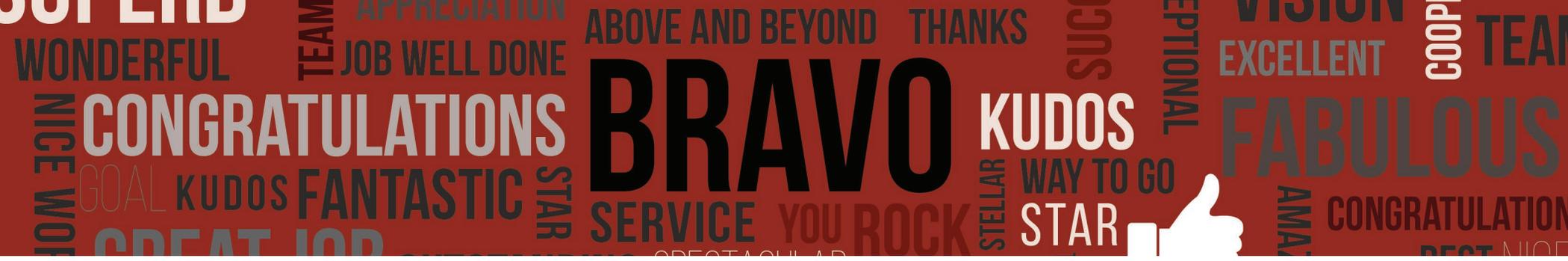
## Digital Skills Workshop

On August 12, SLNC Digital Inclusion Librarian **Abigail Waldrupe** led eight staff members from Caswell County Public Library, BHM Regional Library, AMY Regional Library, and Robeson County Public Library in a **Simulated Digital Skills Workshop**. The simulation was part of a “Train the Trainer” event in preparation for leading Digital Skills Workshops this school year with the four counties’ **Homework Gap Project** partner schools.

Workshop sessions included *Data about the Homework Gap* in North Carolina presented by **Amy Huffman** of the Broadband Infrastructure Office of DIT, *Project Evaluation* presented by **Erin Huggins** of the Friday Institute, and *Digital Literacy Best Practices* presented by **Bruce Clark** of Digital Charlotte.



**CAPTIONS L-R:** Digital Charlotte’s Digital Inclusion Project Manager **Bruce Clark** presenting the Digital Literacy Best Practices Session during the Digital Skills Workshop | Digital Inclusion Librarian **Abigail Waldrupe**



# Compliments + Kudos

SLNC’s Data Analysis Consultant Amanda Johnson was one of three speakers who conducted a webinar on Learning Good Data Visualization sponsored by the Public Library Association (PLA) on August 16, 2019. The webinar set a PLA record with over 1,000 registrants. Amanda received great feedback on her presentations as these comments highlight:

*“Speakers did [a] great job engaging with [the] audience with use of polling tool and chat room. Amanda Johnson hit it out of the park with her presentation, thanks!!”*

*“[I] cannot believe this is the first time you’ve run a presentation like this. You sounded LIKE A PRO! You had great pacing, didn’t sound nervous, audio was super clear, the slides were fantastic and your answers during Q&A was spot on. Thank you!!!!”*

The following note was left on the NC Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped’s Facebook page:

*“My mother receives such joy when she listens to her audio books. Every Monday a new collection arrives for her continued enjoyment. The librarians have been very kind and helpful. They helped me work my way through the application process. Within a few See you soon(sic) mom received her special player and first set of audio books. Thank you. - David A Warnick, Disabled Gulf War Veteran.”*



**Amanda Johnson**  
Data Analysis Consultant



# 6 TOP BLOG POSTS STATE LIBRARY AUGUST 2019

## Library Development Blog

**1,480 Users | 3,354 Page Views**

Webinar: Updating the NC Public Library Standards 109 views

Help us revise the Public Library Standards for North Carolina! 89 views

Free Learning Opportunities: August 2019 84 views

## Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped Blog

**16 Users | 198 Page Views**

Tar Heel Talk Summer 2019 is Now Live in all Formats 15 views

Happy BARD Day - May 2019 10 views

National Poetry Month: Villanelle 7 views



## About the State Library

**Established in 1812**, the State Library of North Carolina (SLNC) is the catalyst for exceptional library services in North Carolina. We are the principal library of state government; we build the capacity of all libraries; and we develop and support access to specialized collections for the people of North Carolina.

The State Library is a division of the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.



There are three sections in the State Library:

### **Government & Heritage Library (GHL)**

Provides print and digital information about North Carolina, as well as history, government, genealogy, and statistical research expertise.

### **Library Development (LD)**

Supports libraries throughout the state, through innovative programs and services, to help them meet the needs of their communities.

### **Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped (LBPH)**

Serves blind and physically handicapped readers, through a wide range of books and magazines in print, braille, and audio formats.