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Highlights

The State Library Loves its VOLUNTEERS!

In FY 2016-17 both the Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped (LBPH) and the Government & Heritage Library (GHL) utilized volunteers to help carry out their missions. LBPH volunteers donated 3,868 hours of work while GHL benefited from 452 hours of volunteer labor. Together these two libraries received an estimated total of \$99,937 in volunteer labor!



Captions (L-R): ¹LBPH volunteer recording audio magazine. ²Amy Kemp updating NCPedia website. Amy is a former volunteer and now works part-time with GHL.



Championing Improved Access and Community Engagement!

Edge Tools

On August 9, Library Development staff welcomed President and CEO Susan Benton and Edge Senior Program Manager Lourdes Aceves from the Urban Libraries Council, based in Washington DC. Discussion centered around the continuing EDGE project and how public libraries and the State Library can capitalize on the resources and data provided by EDGE

tools. The Edge Toolkit is based on a national set of benchmarks for public libraries to evaluate their technology services, and includes resources, recommendations, and tools for strategic planning and community engagement.

Homework Gap

Assistant State Librarian Timothy Owens continued his meetings with staff from the Broadband Infrastructure Office about strategies to close the Homework Gap.



SPIRIT IN MOTION

Stories of the Olympics and Paralympics

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The NC Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped along with the Governor Morehead School and Division of Services for the Blind, cohosted the program “Spirit in Motion: Stories of the Olympics and Paralympics” on August 30. The program featured WRAL News Anchor Renee Chou, who spoke about covering the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, and Paralympic Athlete Lex Gillette, who spoke about his experiences in competing and winning medals in the 2016 Paralympics. 113 people attended the program including DNCR Secretary Susi Hamilton and Miss Wheelchair USA, Madeline Delp. View the [livestream](#) of Lex Gillette’s and Renee Chou’s inspirational talk as well as [more photos](#) from the event.



Captions (L-R):
¹Lex Gillette with fans;
²Susi Hamilton with Miss Wheelchair USA, Madeline Delp;
³Renee Chou with LBPH staff and attendees;
⁴Lex Gillette addressing crowd with Renee Chou.

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Historic Oakwood Cemetery Book Talk and Signing

The State Library's N.C. Government & Heritage Library and the State Archives of North Carolina collaborated with Oakwood Cemetery's Robin Simonton and Bruce Miller for a discussion honoring the August release of the new title, *Historic Oakwood Cemetery!* Just a few blocks from the Archives & History/State Library building, Oakwood Cemetery is beautiful and historic, and the resting place of soldiers, politicians, educators, clergy, social activists, laborers and more! The authors discussed the history, love and life of the Historic Oakwood Cemetery, which has evolved into a modern "cemetery of life." The Oakwood Second Line Band kicked off the talk, playing traditional New Orleans second line funeral tunes. [View more event photos online.](#)



Captions (L-R): ¹Oakwood Second Line Band outside of State Library building; ²Robin Simonton; ³Band parading through Oakwood neighborhood to Book Talk event; ⁴Michelle Underhill, Director of N.C. Government & Heritage Library, ⁵Bruce Miller at book signing

Upcoming Events



Library of Congress National Book Festival

Library Development Consultants will be attending the National Book Festival in Washington D.C. in September. This event highlights books and authors from all 50 states – including North Carolina! The Center for the Book will give away bookmarks highlighting *Anybody Shining*, by North Carolinian author Frances O’Roark Dowell.

The North Carolina Center for the Book is a program of the State Library of North Carolina and an affiliate of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress.

GHL Extended Hours October 27th!

N.C. Government & Heritage Library and the State Archives of North Carolina will have extended hours on Friday, October 27th! We will be open to the public until 8:00 PM that day. Come in for all your North Carolina and family history research needs! View [regular business hours](#) for N.C. Government & Heritage Library [here](#).



Betsy C. is our first patron to sign up for a GHL library card!

Get Your GHL Library Card Today!

Any North Carolina resident may now get a library card and check circulating materials out of the N.C. Government & Heritage Library or use select subscription databases! [Apply today](#) by filling out an [application](#) and either emailing it or bringing it in.

NCPedia Features North Carolina First Ladies

Interested in learning more about North Carolina’s past First Ladies? NCPedia is adding a series of articles about them excerpted from the published North Carolina First Ladies, 1891-2001. [Read the series here](#).

NCPedia highlights North Carolina’s unique resources, people, and culture to enrich, educate and inform. It is coordinated and managed by the N.C. Government & Heritage Library, working with several Institutional partners. Contributors include historians, librarians, archivists, museum professionals, and many subject specialists.

Staff Out and About



Leadership Summit

Library Development Consultants (Benjamin Murphy, Jeffrey Hamilton, Johnnie Pippin, Lauren Clossey, and Tanya Prokrym) hosted the Annual 2017 Leadership Summit at the North Carolina Public Library Directors Association (NCPLDA) meeting in Asheville, NC. The Consultants presented on Transformational Leadership and how it strengthens community engagement. Leadership expert Andrew Sanderbeck joined the Consultants for the half-day workshop, leading activities and discussion. Andrew will continue the discussions through several virtual coffee breaks.

Connecting in Nashville, Ohio, and North Carolina

Lauren Clossey, Continuing Education Consultant, participated in the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) Continuing Education (CE) Steering Committee meeting and attended the CE Forum in Columbus, Ohio.

Amanda Johnson, Data Analysis & Communications Consultant, traveled to Nashville, NC to welcome Emily Enderle, the new Public Library Director.

Jeffrey Hamilton, Adult Services Consultant, presented on the NC KIDS Digital Library and e-book services at Roanoke Rapid Library's Open House.

Catherine Prince, NC Cardinal Consultant, provided regional training in Caldwell and Wayne Counties.

Captions (L-R): ¹Jennifer Sacket, Vice President of NCPLDA and Library Director of Lincoln County Library; ²Andrew Sanderbeck and Sharon Stack, Library Director at Mauney Memorial Library; ³Lauren Clossey; ⁴Amanda Johnson; ⁵Jeffrey Hamilton; ⁶Catherine Prince

Social Media

Top State Library Blog Posts for August 2017



Government & Heritage Library Blog

1,288 sessions, 1,968 pg views, 1,213 users

Abolished Counties: Glasgow County

Sanatoriums and Tuberculosis in North Carolina

Civil War 150: U.S. Colored Troops in North Carolina

Library Development Blog

1,014 sessions, 3,120 pg views, 762 Users

Retirement Announcement: Raye Oldham

Continuing Education Opportunities: September 2017

Webinar Series: Designing and Implementing Effective Surveys

Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped Blog

209 sessions, 292 pg views, 13 Users

Top Ten Most Wanted Books - August 2017

Spirit in Motion - Stories of the Olympics and Paralympics

Did You Know - NCLBPH History

About the State Library



Established in 1812, the State Library of North Carolina 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 part of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources and is currently made up of three parts:

N.C. 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.



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