

State Library Report

May 2012

Activities / Accomplishments

- LSTA
 - Staff and the LSTA Advisory Committee reviewed and approved grant-funded projects for 2012-2013
 - Staff and the LSTA Advisory Committee drafted goals for the new 2013-2017 Plan
- May 13-19, 2012 was announced as State Library Week in a proclamation issued by the Governor in honor of our 200th anniversary
- The Government Heritage Library held an Open House on May 17 to celebrate the bicentennial. Over 80 people attended.
- The State Library Commission met in Raleigh on Friday, May 18th Major activities include:
 - Approval of new Public Library Standards as submitted by the Standards Committee and dissolution of that committee
 - An update from NCPLDA on their concern whether the current administrative structure at the Charlotte Mecklenburg library complies with statutes
 - The appointment of a new Commission subcommittee to tackle the issue of affiliated libraries.
- Orientation for new public library directors in the state was held in Raleigh on May 21-22.

Issues

- There are 2 upcoming retirements – Pam Jaskot (in Library Development) leaves at the beginning of the summer. Denise Sigmon (Assistant State Librarian) retires at the end of the summer.

Coming Up

- June 12 – Secretary Carlisle will join State Librarian Cal Shepard in announcing LSTA Grant awards. Location TBD.
- June 20-22 – the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is sponsoring a “Collective Capacity Convening” for all State Librarians and other staff prior to the American Library Association Conference. Cal Shepard and Jennifer Pratt will be attending.
- June 30 – the new 2013-2017 LSTA 5-Year plan is due to IMLS.

Other

Comment about NCpedia -

This is awesome I am working on an uber big history project for my school and it feels like you have combined weeks of brain cramping research into one piece of writing I am so happy you wrote this thank you- you have bettered my life!!! :))))" Submitted by Jason

Comment about Digital Collections –

I just wanted to say THANK YOU so very much for the work that you are doing and the access you are granting to those who cannot travel to view these beautiful records. I live in Idaho and have a great desire to learn more about the Civil War era from those who actually lived during that time, (i.e. manuscripts) and so far, your website has been the only one I have found that offers digital images to be viewed online. Thank you again and again!" Very sincerely, Kimberly Clemons