

State Library Report

June 2012

Activities / Accomplishments

- The State Library and State Archives were awarded a National Digital Stewardship Alliance Innovation Award to recognize them for their work educating state employees and information professionals on digital preservation through their www.digitalpreservation.ncdcr.gov website, online tutorials, and digpres411 Twitter account. <http://digitalpreservation.ncdcr.gov/> Amy Rudersdorf and Lisa Gregory of the State Library will represent the State Library and State Archives at the upcoming Digital Preservation 2012 conference July 24-26, 2012 in Washington DC where the award will be made.
- The Government & Heritage Library hosted an information and training seminar on the U.S. ECONOMIC CENSUS on June 18, 2012. Kelly Karres from the Atlanta Regional Office of the U.S. Census Bureau provided the training for 24 attendees mostly from state and local governments.
- The NC LBPH Summer Reading Slumber Party, sponsored by the Friends of the NC LBPH, was held on June 29 at the Governor Morehead School Gym as part of the library's Summer Reading Program for young readers. 50+ young readers attended the program which, in keeping with the Summer Reading theme *Dream Big – Read*, included a Snoring Contest, a Sing Off, story-telling about Native American Dream Catchers, and a Dream Catchers craft activity. Library staff, library volunteers, and GMS faculty led program activities and everyone had a blast!
- LD staff made great strides in creating a continuing education portal that will list ALL classes and workshops available for all library types in the state. The portal will be launched July 23, 2012.

Notable Statistics

- The GHL and LBPH annual statistics for 2011-12 will be available in July. In looking over what has been recorded to date, total number of in-depth research questions received and answered by GHL staff and the number of materials used by researchers in-house has increased over last years numbers! More in July.

Coming Up

- July 14 - The [State Library of North Carolina](http://www.slate.lib.nc.gov), in collaboration with State Capitol staff, will sponsor an exhibit of rare books from the library's earliest days and special tours of the re-created "original State Library room" on the third floor of the State Capitol as part of DCR's "2nd Saturdays" summer program. Capitol staff will provide tours of the old library at 1 p.m., 1:30

p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 3 p.m. This program is part of the State Library's 200th anniversary celebration. http://ncculturevents.com/events_detail.php?g=49289955c488

- July 23 – GHIL will host a North Carolina data information seminar, **NC Labor information: Demand Driven Data Delivery System and more!** that will be conducted by Nicole Kennedy, Employment Market Research Analyst at the NC Department of Commerce, Labor and Economic Analysis Division.

Other

1. Comment received 6/15 on the GHIL Blog - Just a quick note from a family historian to thank you for providing such useful information on the GHIL Blog. I check for new posts regularly through my blog feed reader and you've led me to some wonderful resources. Please keep those posts coming. They regularly add useful information to my research *and* help lead me to records that I hadn't known about.

The most recent post ("Ensuring Democracy: What's New") showed up with impeccable timing. I'd just located a cryptic reference in an 1868 voters' list from Arkansas that explained why the brother of my 2nd great grandfather was struck from the voter rolls. The transcript said "M. N. C. Leg." With that clue I located his name and years of service in a list of the members of the NC General Assembly who'd been elected in Anson County. For the past few days I'd been trying to find the courage to hunt for records from the Senate between 1846 and 1849. But it's daunting if you don't know where to look. When you posted the link to the Senate & House Journals in the NC Digital Collections you solved my problem!

I know that the type of blog you have probably doesn't generate a lot of comments, but that's not the only index of how valuable the information is. Thanks for taking the time to keep us informed.

Kathy Nitsch

2. Great praise for GHIL and Archives' genealogical research resources in-house and online on blog post that gave us national recognition! (June 20)
<http://www.archives.com/experts/richard-l-diane/north-carolina-genealogy-research.html>
NC – No Longer The “Rip Van Winkle” State When It Comes To Online Genealogy Research
by Diane L. Richard | Jun 20, 2012 Blog post of Archives™ -