

## State Library Report

October 2012

### Activities / Accomplishments

- 37 attendees from the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society National Conference spent the day of October 3 at DCR conducting family research in the Government & Heritage Library (GHL) and the State Archives. Staff from the GHL and Archives first provided attendees a presentation on DCR research resources and then assisted individuals with their research.
- Jennifer Pratt met with the Camden County Manager and the East Albemarle Regional Library Director to discuss their plans for a new library. Camden County is the only county in North Carolina without a library facility.
- Jennifer Pratt attended the advisory committee meeting of the Central Carolina Community College's Library Science program.
- The new cross-section team on Continuing Education held their first meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Kelly Brannock volunteered to serve as chair.
- The State Library Commission met on October 22. They heard reports about the new LSTA grant categories (based on the 2012-2017 LSTA plan) and an update from the Affiliated Library Committee.
- 74 events were added to the Train Station calendar in October and 252 registrations were taken for State Library sponsored webinars and in-person workshops.
- The State Library-sponsored North Carolina Literary Map <http://library.uncg.edu/dp/nclitmap/> was launched on October 24. There were 25,621 page views in the month of October.
- Library Development staff hosted the Continuing Education Advisory Committee on October 30. They reviewed the results of the annual C.E. survey of library staff statewide and began planning to provide workshops and trainings that meet the identified needs.
- Two Library Development Consultants have been hired. Joyce Chapman will join LD on November 19 as the Consultant for Communications and Data Analysis. David Green will begin December 3 as the new NC Cardinal Consultant.

## **Presentations/Outreach**

- Josh Wilson and Emily Horton, NCpedia staff librarians, delivered a presentation about using NCpedia as an interactive reference tool in school media centers and classrooms to 30 K-12 media specialists/librarians to NC School Library Media Association 2012 Conference on October 6.
- Kay Tillotson provided an Introduction to Genealogy Research for 14 people (librarians and researchers) at the Person County Public Library on October 9.
- Jeffrey Hamilton attended the e-rate training session in Atlanta sponsored by the Universal Services Administrative Company in Atlanta. The session covered changes in eligible services for e-rate, changes in compliance requirements for the program, dealing with audits, and common misconceptions about the e-rate program.
- Beth Hayden hosted two data workshops, *Exploring NC School Statistics*, on October 22 and 23.
- Raye Oldham and Cal Shepard co-presented two online learning opportunities to highlight the new grant categories on October 11 and October 18. 76 participants were registered.
- Government and Heritage staff hosted an exhibit at the DCR Health and Benefits Fair.
- Tanya Prokrym presented two workshops for NC Cardinal libraries on Reports.
- Lori Special Presented a session during “Beyond Storytimes: Youth Services Programming for Children through Teens” during the October 19, 2013 Fabulous Friday event at Braswell Memorial Library.
- Cal Shepard presented keynote speeches at three NCLA-sponsored “Fabulous Friday” workshops (in Asheville, Winston Salem and Rocky Mount), at the Friends of North Carolina Public Libraries annual meeting (Greensboro), and at the NCLA Leadership Institute (Randolph County).
- Cal Shepard presented the bi-monthly “State Library Update” webinar on October 24.

## **Issues**

- The truck at the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped is over 10 years old and is breaking down more frequently. It is time to explore options for future mail delivery.

## **Coming Up**

GHL staff will

- present an oral history workshop,
- meet with staff at the News and Observer to discuss the new N&O database index, present on social media at the NC Association of Government Information Officers Fall Seminar,
- make a presentation on GHL services and resources to staff at the NC Division of Public Health,
- make a presentation on GHL services and resources to staff at the NC Museum of Natural Sciences,

LBPH staff will host their annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner (honoring 121 volunteers who worked a total of 6,604 hours) on November 14.

Raye Oldham and LD staff will present LSTA grant writing workshops

- 11/14 LSTA Grant Writing Workshop, Murfreesboro
- 11/27 LSTA Grant Writing Workshop, Asheville
- 11/30 LSTA Grant Writing Workshop, Goldsboro

### **Other**

- Vicki Brueck, Senior Cataloger in the GHL, has completed extensive training in preparation for upcoming changes in cataloging practices. She serves as the official authority for North Carolina names and places, and creates NC “authority” records that are shared with librarians worldwide. The Library of Congress has asked Vicki to assist in facilitating upcoming webinars on this subject because of her expertise in this area.
- The Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped currently has 62 patrons who are Centenarians – age 100 years or older! Our oldest active patron is Lois \_\_\_\_ who at 110 years of age continues to be an active reader of audio books on both cassette tapes and digital cartridges. The Library also has two patrons who are 105 years of age and three that are 104 and still reading!