

State Library Report

November 2012

Activities / Accomplishments

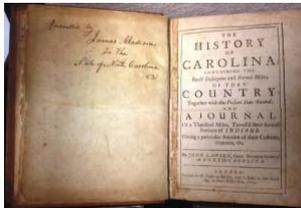
Amy Rudersdorf (GHL DIMP) was appointed to serve on a national Metadata Standards Committee of the American Library Association.

Digital Projects Manager Michelle Underhill co-authored a chapter for the book *Jump-Start Your Career as a Digital Librarian: A LITA Guide* which was published in November by ALA Techsource.

Mitzi Townes, Collections Librarian (GHL) will serve as the State Library contact with the newly formed DCR project team for the *This Day in History* blog to help identify potential topics for posting, recruit writers for monthly blog posts, and identify the State Library's resources related to each topic.

Government & Heritage Library staff began working with consultants who are conducting an operations assessment of the Library during November and December 2012.

The North Carolina State Publications Clearinghouse (GHL) conducted its biennial survey of the 13 state depository libraries and preliminary results indicate libraries continue to need the State Library to provide full cataloging records for North Carolina state publications and prefer a curated digital collection of significant content (not ephemera) and quality descriptive metadata to facilitate access.



The Government & Heritage Library responded to the Department's **Connecting to Collections** program request for contributions of "compelling objects from North Carolina's cultural heritage institutions" for the *North Carolina Treasures* blog by contributing a photograph and description of President James Madison's personal copy of the 1714 edition of John Lawson's *The History of Carolina* which he donated to the State Library of North Carolina in 1831. <http://collectionsconversations.wordpress.com/hidden-nc-treasures/>

GHL sponsored an oral history workshop, met with staff at the News and Observer to discuss the new N&O database index, and presented on social media archiving at the NC Association of Government Information Officers Fall Seminar, data resources for small businesses in Pitt County, GHL service and resources to staff at DHHS Division of Public Health and the NC Museum of Natural Sciences, the new CINCH digital preservation tool to the annual NC Preservation Consortium meeting, and genealogical research at the Thomas Hadley Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Wilson.

GHL staff responded to a request from Governor-elect McCrory's Transition Team to identify and scan the *North Carolina's Blueprint for Development: a strategic business plan for quality growth* issued during Governor Jim Martin's administration in 1986, to enable immediate state government and public access to the report online. The report is accessible via the North Carolina State Publications Collection and as a PDF on the State Library website.

http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/ghl/pubs_ncblueprinteconomic1986.pdf

The NCpedia was highlighted in the article, "At the Library," written by Carol Reinhardt, program coordinator for the Gaston County Public Library, in the *Gaston Gazette* on November 9, 2012. <http://www.gastongazette.com/lifestyles/events/at-the-library-1.47050>

The Government & Heritage Library hosted a delegation of librarians from Armenia and Azerbaijan and presented them with information about the library's programs, services, and resources. (11/8)

The Friends of the NC LBPH and library staff hosted their annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner honoring 121 volunteers who have donated a total of 6,604 hours of work to the library. (11/14)

Patrons of the NC LBPH may now search and download audio and web braille books from the new and improved National Library Service BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) website, launched on November 29. The site also provides users more control over the site's display options.

Project Compass, the national workforce development program modeled on a program from the State Library of North Carolina, was wrapped up in November. A high-level overview of the project, and a final evaluation will be available for review early next year. Over the course of three years, the initiative provided in-person and online training for 2,500 library staff across all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Participants of the project report that at least 3,120 new partnerships were formed to augment workforce recovery programs and services, and at least 5,900 new or enhanced skill-building activities, outreach, or other library services were undertaken as a result of Project Compass.

Library Development staff began scheduling site visits to all of the public libraries to meet with the directors to ensure the libraries' eligibility for state aid funds.

Joyce Chapman joined the Library Development team on November 19 as the Consultant for Communications and Data Analysis.

The Farmville Public Library joined the North Carolina Cardinal consortium, migrating their library catalog into the shared system. Farmville residents can now access the library catalog from home for the first time. This brings the total number of library systems participating to eleven with four more system scheduled to join in Spring 2013.

Library Development received 18 Letters of Intent for LSTA Project Grants. The LOIs were reviewed by staff and feedback provided to the prospective grantees.

The Continuing Education Advisory Committee (CEAC) received 736 responses from libraries of all types across the state to the CE Survey in October. High interest topics were:

- ▶ Community needs analysis (including - collecting, analyzing & using data)
- ▶ Customer service
- ▶ Tech tips & tricks in instruction
- ▶ Social media tools & techniques

- ▶ Emerging information sources, formats & devices
- ▶ Digital resources in collection development & technical services
- ▶ NC LIVE

Cal Shepard made remarks at the retirement reception for Sandhills Library Director Carol Walters on November 18 and at the reception honoring the Cumberland County Public Library for their award of the National Medal for Museum and Library Service on November 28.

Notable Statistics

The NCpedia passed 2 million pageviews for 2012 on Monday, November 26, 2012. With another month to go in 2012, use of the NCpedia has already surpassed the 1.7 million pageviews reported for 2011.

Coming Up

Digital Information Management Program staff are VERY CLOSE to finishing the integration of the *Encyclopedia of North Carolina* into NCpedia. The team will have it finished on or before December 17th!

The GHL will have a major contract renewal coming up with Ex-Libris for Voyager ILS; they will need to start working with Roger Odom early January

Other

A graduate student at the NCCU SILS volunteered 500+ hours to the Government & Heritage Library from December 2011 to December 2012. She assisted Rebecca Hyman with all GHL Outreach Activities and Programs and worked in Genealogy on Saturdays. She obtains her MLS on December 8 and currently has a part-time position as Librarian for the African American Cultural Center at NSCU. Her contribution to the GHL was invaluable and she will be greatly missed.