

State Library Report

December 2012

Activities / Accomplishments

The LSTA Advisory Committee met via phone to discuss the results of the staff review of the 18 Letters of Intent that were received. 17 have been approved to submit a full application.

Library Consultant Raye Oldham presented an LSTA grant writing workshop to 31 public librarians on December 5th in Winston Salem. This was the fourth workshop that she provided statewide in November and December.

The Library Development consultants attended the NCPLDA winter meeting and awards banquet in Winston Salem on December 6th and 7th. We were all very pleased to congratulate Mary Boone, former state librarian, and Pam Jaskot, former Library Development Consultant, on their Lifetime Achievement awards. We were also delighted that Beaux Foy, our public library card champion for 2011-2012, received the Distinguished Library Service Award.

David Green joined Library Development as the Data Specialist for the NC Cardinal Project on December 3rd. David has immediately begun providing support for the NC Cardinal Libraries while learning the system on the run. He has begun working with Gary Hoyle, Albemarle Regional Library, who is interested in joining the consortium.

The NC Cardinal project finished up the calendar year with a very important upgrade on the ILS system. This upgrade brings the NC project up to the most current version and provides the libraries with an improved public interface for the catalog, a kid's catalog, and the acquisitions module. Tanya Prokrym provided an overview of the new capabilities on December 19 for state library staff.

Library Consultant Joyce Chapman travelled to Nashville, TN to attend the State Data Coordinators' annual workshop and returned ready to begin work on the 2011- 12 public library statistics.

The Federal e-rate window opened December 12 for libraries to begin filing for their telecommunications discounts. Jeffrey Hamilton, the e-rate coordinator, has been busy fielding questions from the public libraries. He has produced a one page flyer that describes the crucial dates and information the library directors' need to know to file for the e-rate.

The LSTA annual report was submitted to the IMLS on December 20th before the deadline of December 31st. Library Consultant Raye Oldham and Program Assistant Vicky Wheeler are to be congratulated for getting this herculean task accomplished.

Summer Reading Program workshops are in the planning stages. Library Consultant Lori Special has been planning and organizing this statewide project that requires extensive work and planning to carry off annually.

The Library Development Consultants with liaison assignments have been scheduling and making site visits across the state. We expect to have visited all 80 libraries by the end of February.

The State Library of North Carolina celebrated its official 200th anniversary on December 25, 2012. The 200th anniversary was highlighted on the Department of Cultural Resource's *This Day in North Carolina History* blog on December 25. <http://nchistorytoday.wordpress.com/page/3/>

NCpedia staff completed the integration of entries from the UNC Press *Encyclopedia of NC* into NCpedia! A press release will follow in January.

DIMP Director Amy Rudersdorf created a special edition Explore NC topic resource guide on the Emancipation Proclamation in honor of the 150th anniversary of its signing. It will go live on January 1, 2013. <http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/ghl/themes/emancipation.html>

Reference and Outreach Librarian Rebecca Hyman and Genealogical Research Librarian Kay Tillotson (GHL) conducted 3 outreach activities, including 2 tours and discussions of the library with librarians and students and a state agency site visit. Denise Jones (State Publications Clearinghouse Liaison) provided consultation on state documents to 3 state agencies and Lisa Gregory (Digital Collections Manager) reviewed and consulted on the new digitization guidelines developed by the NC Digital Heritage Center.

Michelle Underhill, Digital Projects Manager, was promoted and became the DIMP Director on January 1, 2013.

The Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH) newsletter, *Tar Heel Talk*, was produced and mailed to 11,500 patrons.

LBPH completed the removal of 40,000 audio cassette books from its collection per National Library Service requirements by the end of December. Another 40,000 will be removed in 2013 as part of the full transition to digital only book collections in 2015.

The LBPH Friends Group approved their annual budget on December 11 and committed \$48,000 to the LBPH to help fund library materials and operational expenses in 2013. Gary Ray, the newly elected President, also commented on the excellent working relationship between the Friends Board and LBPH Administration.

LBPH staff conducted 5 educational outreach activities at an elementary school and a young girls' leadership program in Raleigh, a DHHS Dept. of Services for the Blind Mini-Center, and assisted living facilities in Fayetteville and Southern Pines. A total of 87 individuals between the ages of 6 and 85 were involved in these activities.

Craig Hayward, System and Digital Services Librarian, staffed an exhibit table and provided educational information about LBPH to 75 attendees (people with disabilities and disability professionals) at the GreAT Conference (NC assistive technology expo) in Raleigh on December 6.

Amy Rudersdorf, Lisa Gregory, and Kathleen Kenney, Digital Projects Librarian, gave 4 presentations related to digital preservation to 60+ government employees, librarians, archivists, library school educators, and students attending the Archive-It Partners Meeting and annual Best Practices Exchange December 3-4 in Annapolis, MD.

State Librarian Cal Shepard attended meetings of the NC LIVE Librarians Council, NC ECHO Steering Committee, and the Digital Learning Center Executive Team of the Public Library Association. She also delivered a State Library Update webinar on December 12.

Coming Up

- Wayne County Public Library and Caswell Public Library are migrating to the NC Cardinal project in January and February respectfully.
- Interviewing and hoping to hire new Consultant for Public Library Management in January.
- Jennifer Pratt and Cal Shepard will be attending the Gates Foundation Summit in Seattle on January 25-28.
- Three new student volunteers from NCCU SLIS will begin working in the Government & Heritage Library in January 2013.
- The Government & Heritage Library and the State Archives will host the first 2013 quarterly genealogy workshop on January 26, 2013, 10-11a.m.: *Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestors: Using Revolutionary War Records and Materials in the State Archives and State Library.*
- Kay Tillotson will be a co-presenter on genealogy research resources at a workshop at Aycock State Historic Site on January 12.
- Erin Bradford and Kay Tillotson will co-present on African-American genealogy research resources at a workshop at the Olivia Rainey Local History Library in Raleigh on January 31.