

State Library Report

April 2013

Activities / Accomplishments

Staffing

Marie Jones began working in Genealogy Research as the new Genealogy Research Assistant. Marie has many years of experience working in genealogy research at the Wake County local history library, Olivia Raney. Josh Wilson was promoted from Systems Support Librarian for the NCpedia project to the Systems Integration Librarian position in the DIMP.

Wanda Whisnant assumed the position of office assistant in Library Development.

Outreach and Networking

April was a busy month for the library development consultants with outreach visits within the state and in other states as well.

Cal Shepard, Molly Westmoreland, and Jennifer Pratt provided state library updates at three Friends of NC Public Library spring meetings (Chapel Hill, China Grove, and Sylva). Molly also attended a NC Writers Network presentation and the On the Same Page poetry program in Forsyth County.

Raye Oldham and Kelly Brannock continued to support and participate in the NCLA Leadership Institute 2012-13 activities. They attended the spring showcase on April 24th.

Jennifer Pratt and Lori Special attended the "Reach Out and Read" breakfast in Durham on April 26th. Reach Out and Read is a program that provides childrens' books to pediatricians to dispense to their patients.

Cal Shepard provided remarks at the dedication for the new Chapel Hill Public Library on April 20th and presented a program at the staff day held by the Fontana Regional Library (in Bryson City) on April 24. She made site visits to the Patrick Beaver Memorial Library in Hickory and the Iredell County Library in Statesville and also attended and made a presentation at the Executive Board meeting of the North Carolina Library Association on April 26.

Michelle Underhill volunteered to serve on the NCLA Web and Technologies Support Committee and attended the first remote meeting of the committee. Swayzine McLean served as a judge for North Carolina State History Day.

GHL staff conducted 4 library tours for a total of 15 individuals, including Cary Cox, the new DCR PIO, library school students, and interested members of the public. (Cheryl McLean, Rebecca Hyman, Kay Tillotson)

GHL staff conducted 5 outreach or educational program activities, including

- “Introduction to digital preservation planning and the PREMIS metadata schema” for 570 librarians and archivists as part of the ASERL Webinar Series (Lisa Gregory)
- “Researching your Civil War ancestors: using resources in the State Archives and the State Library,” for 35 genealogical researchers at the third quarterly State Library/State Archives Genealogy Workshop (Cheryl McLean)
- “GHL resources and services” for 34 staff at DENR (Rebecca Hyman)
- “Exploring the NC digital collections: tips and tricks for genealogists and historians” for 28 attendees at the Greene County Family History Researchers meeting at the Greene County History Museum in Snow Hill (Michelle Underhill and State Archives staff)
- Clearinghouse outreach at the NC Department of Commerce, Labor and Economic Analysis Division for 4 state employees (Denise Jones).

LBPH staff and volunteers conducted outreach or educational program activities, including

- Presentations at Division of Services for the Blind Mini Centers in Orange and Moore Counties for 27 individuals
- Presentation on managing specialized resource collections to 24 students in the Collections Management Class at SILS at UNC-CH (Gina Powell)
- Presentation on visual disability awareness, Braille, Guide dogs, and library services to 32 Conn Elementary School students (volunteer); 80 Boy Scouts (Craig Hayward); and 11 preschool students, teachers and parents at the Governor Morehead PreSchool Playgroup.
- Information and display table for the LBPH at the NC Conference on Visual Impairment and Blindness at the Governor Morehead School attended by 175 professionals and individuals. (Gina Powell, Margaret Evans, and volunteers)

Continuing Education

The State Library provided the following face-to-face one-day workshops for library staff:

- NC Live Basics workshops (2)
- LibGuides workshop (1)
- Collaboration and Partnerships (2)
- Summer Reading (1)
- Trustee Training (1)

Raye Oldham and former consultant, Pam Jaskot, presented the Collaboration workshop in Utah at two locations. The State Library of Utah requested this presentation.

On the Train Station Portal 112 training events were advertised resulting in 1,991 views and 76 people registering to attend. Jeffrey Hamilton provided an informal session for State Library staff on using the Smart Board.

Educational Resources

GHL Blog: A total of 20 new entries were posted to the GHL Blog in April. Additionally, Kristin Clark wrote 4 "State Doc pick of the week" blog posts; Maria Leblanc wrote 7 blog posts on new GHL acquisitions; and Erin Bradford wrote 2 genealogy blog posts for future posting.

Research Guides: GHL staff completed or updated 3 online research guides to assist staff and researchers in finding and using various North Carolina resources and information, including a Data Resources LibGuide (Beth Hayden); a NC Land Records through 1783 LibGuide (Erin Bradford); and an updated North Carolina State Budget Research Guide (Jennifer Davison). GHL staff also created a new handout guide on research databases for state employees (Cheryl McLean, Rebecca Hyman, Beth Hayden) and a new genealogy handout on resources and tips for researching Civil War ancestors (Cheryl McLean).

Tutorials: Beth Hayden assisted Nicole Kennedy in the Labor & Economic Analysis Section of the NC Department of Commerce in producing 3 user tutorials for the Commerce's Demand Driven Data Delivery System (D4). Designed to guide users in accessing various NC labor market information and statistics in the D4 system, these tutorials cover the Current Employment Statistics component, the Local Area Unemployment Statistics component, and the Occupational Employment and Wages in North Carolina component. Each tutorial has been posted as a LibGuides on the library's website.

Digital Preservation Education Website: The State Library (DIMP), in conjunction with the State Archives, released its redesigned, streamlined and mobile friendly Digital Preservation Education website digitalpreservation.ncdcr.gov during Digital Preservation Week in April. This site provides an introduction to digital preservation for state employees, librarians and archivists, and the general public. It provides suggested learning resources such as tutorials, webinars, and informative sources to follow on social media, examples of digital preservation-related policies, and presentations on digital preservation, digitization and state government information. The site has received lots of good feedback, like this tweet: "**the new website redesign for @digpres411 officially knocked my socks off.**" DIMP staff also released a new Preservation Metadata for Digital Objects document during Preservation week in April for public access and use.

Jeffrey Hamilton created a LibGuide for in house use that provides information about the State Library's Adobe Connect web conferencing subscription. You'll find a calendar showing room availability, a form to request an online session, and tip sheets and help guides.

<http://statelibrary.ncdcr.libguides.com/adobeconnect>

Advisory Boards and Other Meetings

Jennifer Pratt met with the NC Knows Advisory Board on April 1st. The board discussed the successes of the year and began a conversation on sustainability of the project.

Molly Westmoreland met with the Public Librarian Certification Commission on April 11th. 29 public librarians received their certification.

Lori Special attended the national Summer Reading Collaboration's annual meeting in Atlanta, April 15-19. The collaboration chose Fitness for the theme for the 2016 SRP program which is an Olympic Summer year.

Jennifer Pratt made a presentation to the NC Public Library Directors Association on the impact of public libraries on children's school readiness at their spring meeting on April 17 – 19.

Jennifer Pratt and Cal Shepard attended a meeting for the 7 state partners involved in the soft launch of the Edge Initiative in Atlanta on April 29 – 30. The Edge Initiative is a national project that will provide libraries everywhere with new strategies and tools to help achieve community priorities through enhanced technology. Up to 20 NC libraries will be invited to participate in the soft launch this summer. The national launch will begin in January 2014.

Kelly Brannock and Jeffrey Hamilton met with the Continuing Education Advisory Committee (CEAC) on April 30th. The group reviewed the SLNC CE activities in the past year to determine successes and opportunities for improvement. They evaluated the Train Station portal for ease of use, relevance & completeness and discussed priorities for in person training in 2013-14.

Cal Shepard convened a meeting of the E-Book Advisory Committee in Southern Pines on April 8.

Other Activities

Raye Oldham presented Library Development's 2013-14 LSTA grant application recommendations to the Senior Staff for their recommendations on April 10th. The Senior Staff recommendations will be presented to the Advisory Committee on May 8th. The Statewide Leadership proposals were presented by the project managers to the Senior Staff on April 29th for funding decisions.

GHL staff facilitators, Beth Hayden, Mitzi Townes, and Swayzine McLean, presented the GHL staff feedback on the Joel & Sinclair GHL Operations Assessment Report and recommendations for action to Senior staff, Cal Shepard, Laura O'Donoghue, and Jan Reagan. Senior staff assessed the feedback and crafted plans for moving forward. Jan Reagan began addressing the 2 top priorities: marketing and cross-training in late April. She recruited members for the new GHL Outreach and Marketing Team and held the initial kick-off meeting on April 25. Jan also worked with Cheryl McLean to devise a cross-training plan and schedule for public services training which will commence in May.

Kelly Brannock announced the NC winners of the Letters About Literature 2013 and posted them on the website <http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/ld/services/nccftb/LALwinners.html>. Letters About Literature is a national reading and writing competition that invites students in grades 4 through 10 to write letters to authors whose work has made a significant difference in their lives.

Jan Reagan was asked by Kevin Cherry to work with Andrea Gabriel (State Archives) to plan a joint State Library and State Archives event related to the newly published, revised edition of the book, *The North Carolina State Constitution*, written by John Orth and sitting NC Supreme Court Justice, Paul Newby, to be held later this summer. Jan and Andrea will be working with Justice Newby's clerk, Liz Henderson, in planning this special event.

GHL staff, Joyce Throckmorton, Mitzi Townes, and Steve Case began assessing and preparing the oversized bound historical North Carolina newspapers for cataloging. Dating back to the early 1800s, these bound print newspapers have never been included in the library's catalog.

GHL staff led a review of the controlled vocabularies used for the joint State Library and State Archives digital collections to ensure relevance of fields, quality, and consistency. Eve Grunberg, Francesca Francis, Vicki Brueck, and Lisa Gregory worked with Archives staff to review and modify the vocabularies and discuss future maintenance.

Beth Hayden provided Museum of History staff with historical population numbers of every state for inclusion in an exhibit panel as part of the upcoming exhibition on the Emancipation Proclamation. Steve provided data to National Civil Rights Museum on African-American legislators in General Assembly; the Museum will display data on a state by state basis.

The LBPH began distributing digital magazines from NLS as one of the first regional libraries to participate in the Magazine on Cartridge program. The LBPH is also transitioning all its locally recorded magazines to digital production and distribution as well. The first digital cartridge is scheduled to be released about May 15, with a new issue released every six weeks. Each issue will include locally produced magazines as well as those obtained for readers from other libraries during that 6-week period.

Notable Statistics

North Carolina had 7,109 active digital readers according to our most recent biannual report. Of them, 1,843 are active digital magazine readers in good standing. That works out to about a 26% rate.

Issues

Coming Up

The GHL will host a Census data webinar in conjunction with Kelly Karres, Data Dissemination Specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau, on May 20 from 2:00 – 3:30 pm. The webinar is titled "Accessing Census Data on Children, Families, and Households."

The GHL will participate in two of the DCR 2nd Saturdays this summer. Staff will provide GHL genealogy information and resources at an information table at the Charlotte Hawkins Brown historic site in July as part of the site's family history 2nd Saturday event. In collaboration with State Capitol staff, the GHL will host a 2nd Saturday tour of the Old State Library in the Capitol Building in August. The theme for this event will be North Carolina in the Civil War.

Comments from users: NCpedia

<http://ncpedia.org/comment/2328#comment-2328>

Great site overall and good summary of the State's railways and railroads. Love to see this site flourish and be continually updated. Thanks for providing the information and links to in-depth back up information.

<http://ncpedia.org/comment/2322#comment-2322>

I did not fail social studies - YOU GUYS ROCK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!