

State Library Report

July 2014

Activities / Accomplishments

Personnel

- David Green resigned as Cardinal Support Specialist. Interviews are scheduled.
- Monica Figueroa has been hired as the Assistant State Publications Cataloger.
- Sierra Alley was hired on a temporary basis as the Digital Publishing Librarian.
- Kristin Clark, Documents Library Technician, resigned.
- Joshua Berkov started work as Library Supervisor at LBPH.
- John Jones was promoted to the position Processing Assistant III (Circulation Assistant)

The Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH) sponsored its annual kickoff event for its summer reading program at the Governor Morehead School for 50 youth. This year's theme is Fizz Boom Read and members of the Winston Salem Police Department's Bomb Squad provided the program. The team demonstrated the bomb detector robot, dressed LBPH staff librarian, Gina Powell, in the 100+ pound bomb suit, and showed off some of the explosive types that they deal with on a daily basis. As a finale, they took a length of detonating cord, had each participant hold it, and triggered it to produce a pop through the cord.

The Memorandum of Agreement between the Friends of the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and DCR was adopted and signed by the Friends Board, State Library, and DCR staff. The MOA establishes expectations for the Friends and the Library's working relationship for the next year.

The LBPH hosted a family program at the Museum of History for patrons and the members of the general public on July 31. The program, *Famous and Infamous Women of North Carolina*, was part of the NC Humanities Council Road Scholar program and was presented by Road Scholar, Randell Jones. Mr. Jones regaled the audience with humorous and serious stories of significant women that helped shape North Carolina history. 38 people attended the program.

Gina Powell, Outreach Librarian at the LBPH, was appointed Secretary of the NCCVIB Planning Committee (North Carolina Conference on Visual Impairment and Blindness) which is responsible for planning the annual NCCVIB annually for educators, social workers, rehabilitation specialists, and other service professionals. Other planning committee members include staff from the NC Department of Education and members of NCAER (North Carolina Chapter of the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired).

Gina Powell conducted outreach and shared information about the LBPH to 27 members of the Konnoak Lions Club in Winston-Salem; 2 Winston-Salem Public Library Staff members; and the Commander of the Knightdale Disabled Vets of America Chapter.

Deb Barnes, LBPH Braille Coordinator, presented upcoming changes to the Unified Braille Code and information about the LBPH to 13 members of the Wake County chapter of the American Council of the Blind.

Gina Powell made a presentation to 33 attendees of the Envisioning Youth Empowerment Conference on library services and provided them with an internet quiz she had designed especially for them.

Gina Powell, Deb Barnes, Margaret Evans, and Valiri Rios (World of Work summer intern) provided a library tour, recording session, story time and lunch for 16 students enrolled in the National Federation of the Blind's Braille Enrichment for Literacy and Learning program (BELL) summer program in Raleigh.

Jan Reagan conducted the first of three Strategy Development sessions with a selected Government & Heritage Library Strategy Team on July 21. The team participated in a brainstorming visioning session to explore service and program possibilities for the library in the short- and long-term. The second strategy meeting will be held in August to assess the visioning ideas and determine recommendations for strategic direction.

The Digital Information Management Program (DIMP) in the GHL is participating in the Wikipedia "Summer of Monuments" by loading some of the photos from the NC Digital Collections – especially the photos from the NC ECHO project – to Wikipedia. Staff views this as a pilot project that can be used to determine if entries in Wikipedia might increase use of actual items in the State Library/Archives NC Digital Collections online.

Beth Hayden, Data Services Librarian in the GHL, conducted a webinar on North Carolina Data Sources for 44 members of the NC Special Libraries Association on July 22.

The Society of American Archivists reviewed the State Library/State Archives' online "Civil War Soldiers Timeline" http://cinch.nclive.org/timemap/civil_war/ created by DIMP staffers, Amy Rudersdorf and Dean Farrell, several years ago using digitized letters and transcriptions from the State Archives. The overall positive and informative review of the timeline was posted on July 15, 2014 in *The American Archivist* Reviews at <http://www2.archivists.org/sites/all/files/NorthCarolinaCivilWar.pdf>.

Kay Tillotson, Genealogical Research Librarian, consulted with Library Development on suggested ways a new North Carolina public library's genealogy librarian might market that library's genealogy collection to the local community.

Staff from the State Library and State Archives have been working on a redesign for the [North Carolina Digital Collections website](#) and launched a sneak peek of the new interface for the public on July 30. Staff is now soliciting feedback through an online survey (July 30 – August 13) to ensure easy user access to the collections.

Denise Jones and Rebecca Hyman lead the quarterly State Agency Librarians meeting in the State Library for 12 agency and State Library librarians.

GHL staff posted 21 new blog posts related to genealogy research, state publications, North Carolina counties and other topics of interest.

A librarian from the Ida Public Library in Belvidere, IL requested permission to embed two of the GHL's InformU video tutorials on digital preservation in a presentation she was preparing. She plans to share

her presentation on Slideshare and will credit the GHF for the tutorials and provide links to the original tutorials on YouTube. Michelle Underhill, DIMP Director, was thrilled to receive the request and gladly granted her permission to use and share the tutorials with other librarians and the public.

Steve Case worked with a staff member at the national Brady Foundation looking for legislative histories of North Carolina gun control, specifically dealing with NCGS 14-402 - 409. The patron was looking for the specific dates that specific provisions of law were added, such as handguns vs. long guns, gun show loophole closure, and general adherence to the Brady Bill (federal handgun legislation from 1995). Steve succeeded in locating the information through session law history notes, experts on criminal law statutes at the UNC School of Government, and a 2010 Campbell Law Review article.

Beth Hayden provided customized research assistance to a North Carolina businessman who requested household income for areas in Raleigh, NC. She performed a radial search for 3 Raleigh addresses using the NC Department of Commerce's AccessNC database to obtain the necessary statistics.

Kelly Brannock met with the Western NC Public Library Directors in Brevard to discuss their needs for continuing education on July 2nd.

Kelly and Jeffrey Hamilton met with the NCLIVE staff on July 21st to discuss planning training activities for the new NCLIVE databases.

Two online workshops were offered with 28 attendees.

All Library Development staff met on July 9 and July 25 to build content for the North Carolina Public Library Directors (NCPLDA) summit to be held on August 20th in Blowing Rock.

Federal Programs Consultant, Raye Oldham, planned and presented an orientation to the LSTA Advisory Committee on July 30th. She also planned and presented the LSTA summer meeting where the progress towards our goals was discussed, and the new year's program plan was discussed.

The Mattamuskeet school library migration to Evergreen was completed. Patron and item barcode issues had arisen which delayed implementation.

The program schedule and registrations were finalized for the Southeast Regional Evergreen Conference (SEREC) to be held in Raleigh on October 8-9, 2014. There are currently 103 people registered from 3 states: NC, VA, and Georgia.

A General Membership meeting for NC Cardinal was held on July 15, 2014 in Winston Salem. The meeting featured a review of governance documents. There were also update presentations on consortium-wide issues, such as cataloging and resource sharing.

The new Cardinal MOA, Bylaws, and Cost Sharing by Library documents have been distributed to the libraries for signatures.

April Durrence has been hired for the NC Cardinal Support Specialist position.

Molly Westmoreland, Consultant for Public Library Management, and Joyce Chapman, Consultant for Library Communication and Data Analysis, designed and sent a survey to all NC public library directors to determine their level of interest in Trustee Workshops. To date, 49 directors have responded to the survey, with 35 libraries requesting workshops. Priority will be given to new directors and to regional library governing boards.

Molly Westmoreland, Chair of the Literacy Round Table of the North Carolina Library Association, met with members of the Round Table's executive board to determine how to support NCLA's biennial goals and to convey these goals to NCLA executive board meeting on July 25.

On July 8, the NC Center for the Book welcomed a new intern, Shannon Cuthrell, who will assist with Center activities for the summer.

Molly met with Wanda Whisnant, Office Assistant for Library Development and Carolyn Allen, NC Humanities Council Program Officer, to strategize how to streamline *Let's Talk About It* program processes. Currently there are 13 public libraries ready to offer *Let's Talk About It* programs this fall.

Molly met with Ed Southern, Executive Director of the NC Writers Network, and Paula Watkins, Executive Director of the NC Humanities Council, to plan for the October 12, 2014 Ceremony to induct 4 writers into the NC Literary Hall of Fame.

Jennifer Pratt met with library directors, Dan Barron and Jane Blackburn, and the High Country Workforce Development Board Director, Adrian Taft, on July 21 in Boone to begin planning for supporting partnerships between libraries and workforce development agencies.

The public library annual survey links were sent out to all public libraries on July 15. They are due for submission on September 15th. State Aid applications were also sent out to all public libraries on July 15th. They are due at the State Library on September 15th.

Cal Shepard met with Gary Marchionini, Dean of UNC-CH School of Information and Library Science, on July 11. She attended the grand openings of the Madison-Mayodan Library in Rockingham County on July 14 and the opening of the Mt. Olive Library in Wayne County on July 20. July 17-18 she served as a grant reviewer for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) National Leadership grants in Washington DC. She attended the Annual meeting of the Triangle Research Library Network in Chapel Hill on July 23 and the North Carolina Library Association Executive Board meeting in Greenville on July 25.

Notable Statistics

LD Blog

Total posts: 13

1,423 sessions

1,077 unique visitors

2,395 pageviews

Top 3 posts (titles and number of views):

- Innovative Programming: Books in Jails in Western NC - 190 views
- NC-Book: the listserv for adult services library staff - 168 views
- North Carolina Results: Library Edge Assessment – 137 views

The GHL Blog

Total posts: 21

1,523 visits

1,310 unique visitors

2,317 page views

Top 3 posts:

- Family Records: Quick Tips & 2,000+ new surnames added! (224 views)
- 8 things you can do right now to preserve your digital files (194 views)
- July 4, 1833: Raleigh commemorates past, present, and future (115 views)