

State Library Report

August 2014

Activities / Accomplishments

Personnel

- April Durrence was hired as the NC Cardinal Support Specialist

Kelly Brannock, LD Consultant, participated in 2 online meetings as a member of the ALA Learning Round Table (LearnRT) Marketing and Communications committee.

Kelly is preparing the fall and winter Continuing Education calendar. She has negotiated a new partnership with the North Carolina Library Association (NCLA) Library Administration and Management Section (LAMS) to co-sponsor a workshop for new supervisors and managers. She is negotiating with a nationally known trainer about presenting workshops on emerging reference and technology trends in the spring of 2015. She convened a conference call with Continuing Education Advisory Committee (CEAC) members to discuss their recommendations for NC LIVE training and developed a training strategy/plan based on those recommendations. Contract arrangements have been finalized with a trainer to offer RDA training for the NC library community at large and to present at a NC Cardinal catalogers' workshop in April 2015.

Kelly Brannock added a new community college representative to the CEAC committee – Amy Whitmer at Central Carolina CC; Amy also serves as the Lead instructor in the Library & Information Technology Program at CCCC (a certification program for paraprofessionals).

Kelly Brannock and Jeffrey Hamilton attended the National Forum for Continuing Education Consultants in Sacramento, CA on August 25 – 28th. They presented an update on CE activities in NC.

Molly Westmoreland, Consultant for Public Library Management, provided two “How to Hire a Public Library Director” workshops in August for library boards of trustees and county managers in Madison and Bladen Counties on August 7 and 21, respectively. She provided a library governing board workshop for the Pettigrew Regional Library in Edenton, NC, on August 14.

Jennifer Pratt and Library Development (LD) Section Consultants provided a “Data Summit” for North Carolina Public Library Directors in Blowing Rock on August 20. The focus of the summit was Data Informed Decision Making; it was attended by 53 public library directors.

There were 1,960 views of the Train Station in August.

Federal Programs Consultant, Raye Oldham, collaborated with the LSTA Program Assistant to prepare / distribute all Raising the Bar grant agreements to support library staff attendance at the Association of Rural and Small Libraries Conference. She reviewed and scored all 2014 NCLA Leadership Institute applications and prepared the 2015-2016 Grant Guidelines & Application documents for release on September 5. Raye also developed the EZ Edge Technology Program, modeled after a program in TX.

Raye Oldham represented NC at an IMLS convening of the pilot states for the new State Program Report (SPR) and continued testing the new SPR online form, providing feedback to IMLS staff and developers.

Molly Westmoreland, Director of the North Carolina Center for the Book, traveled to Washington, DC with Jennifer Pratt, Chief of Library Development, to represent North Carolina in the Pavilion of States at the 2014 National Festival of the Book, August 30, 2014. Molly and Jennifer highlighted the book "The Ghosts of Tupelo Landing" by Sheila Turnage to the more than 3000 festival participants who visited the NC table.

Molly met with the Board of the Friends of NC Public Libraries (FONCPL) on August 2 to assist in the planning of the October 2014 Annual Meeting. She provided United for Libraries handouts for review and discussion in an ongoing effort to provide consistent training in FONCPL and State Library Friends workshops.

Jeffrey Hamilton attended E-rate webinars as scheduled during the month in preparation for the national changes to the program.

Lori Special created and emailed an evaluation of summer reading and its component parts.

DCR Educational Database. Lori and Tiffanie Mazanek met with Eric Ellis, CTO DENR, at the iCenter to discuss enhancements to the database and the portal. Lori is partnering with the Youth Services section of NCLA to create an application process for dissemination of 14 Lego, Jr. kits throughout NC.

Michelle Underhill, DIMP Director, completed the digitization and processing of UNC Press's *NC Portrait Index, 1700-1860*. The book is now available online in the North Carolina Digital Collections for public use. <http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/ref/collection/p249901coll37/id/24246>. Some of the images from the *Index* will also be added to entries in the online NCpedia as well. Michelle also created a Google generated map of data related to the origin of the portraits that are included in the *Index*. <https://www.google.com/fusiontables/embedviz?q=select+col2+from+1slo5ljjVjv5DE9VRK8sQU8dbiMGzL0c50D0jeRQ7&viz=MAP&h=false&lat=37.50497553014354&lng=-56.20263761562501&t=1&z=4&l=col2&y=2&tmplt=3&hml=GEOCODABLE>

Sharron Johnson, a student at NCCU School of Library and Information Sciences is interning for DIMP during the fall 2014 semester. He'll be working on digitizing the vertical files, and we are very excited to have him! Sharron is in his last semester at NCCU, where he is earning his MLS with a concentration in Digital Librarianship.

Rebecca Hyman conducted a tour of the GHF for 13 students, grade 3-8, who are members of the History Hounds of Central Carolina. She discussed the differences between primary and secondary materials and helped the students get started on their current semester projects.

Rebecca Hyman and Denise Jones staffed an information table at the annual State Employees Wellness and Safety Expo at the NC State Fairgrounds on August 20 and reach 170 state employees. They shared information about the GHF and registered employees for library cards.

Rebecca Hyman, Cheryl McLean, and Kay Tillotson participated in hosting and presenting the third joint Genealogy Workshop for 2014 with the State Archives, "Finding Your Female Ancestors," on August 23 in Raleigh. Thirty-five family history researchers attended the workshop.

GHL staff published 18 new blog posts for the GHL blog in August.

Steve Case, Reference Librarian in the GHL, and the State Library were credited in an article in the *Statesville Record & Landmark*, "New photo of Bostian Bridge disaster surfaces," by Joel Reese, local history librarian at the Iredell Public Library. Steve assisted Joel in locating and scanning a photo of the disaster from an issue of Munsey's magazine from 1901. http://www.statesville.com/news/column-new-photo-of-bostian-bridge-disaster-surfaces/article_e783df3a-2d21-11e4-a348-0017a43b2370.html

Notable Statistics

LD Blog

Total posts: 4

1,248 sessions

999 unique visitors

1,892 pageviews

Top 3 posts (titles and number of views):

- 2014 Librarian Salary Survey from Library Journal - 157 views
- A Few Months of Quiet on the Blog Front - - 118 views
- New in Digital NC: July 2014 – 94 views

GHL Blog

Total posts: 18

1,209 unique visitors

1,417 visits

2,308 page views

Top 3 posts:

- North Carolina Bastardy Bonds (167 views)
- North Carolina Portrait Index, 1700-1860 (178 views)
- Free Program – Stranger than Fiction: True Stories from NCpedia (196 views)

Other

Feedback for GHL services:

Ms. Reagan,

I wanted to let you know how much I appreciate the recent efforts of Kathleen Kenney and Michelle Underhill, in working with a group of researchers here at the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences who were working on a grant proposal with a digitization component. Michelle and Kathleen met with the researchers and myself to talk about possible cooperation between our two agencies, and Michelle then

provided a letter of support to accompany the grant proposal—all on very short notice and with very little time to meet grant deadlines.

I very much appreciated their willingness to work with us, and to be so gracious and enthusiastic under pressure!

Janet Edgerton

Chief Librarian/Registrar

N.C. State Museum of Natural Sciences