

## State Library Report November 2014

### Activities / Accomplishments

State Librarian Cal Shepard attended and made a presentation at the North Carolina Library Association's Leadership Institute on November 1-2. She traveled to Missouri November 9-12 to participate in a meeting "Dodging the Memory Hole" about preserving born-digital news. On November 18 she spoke at the kick-off of the Southern Council Forum for State Library staff from 12 southeastern State Libraries and on November 21 she attended a meeting of the NC LIVE Executive Committee.

Rebecca Hyman coordinated a "This Day in NC History" segment about the founding of the State Library on December 25, 1812 for Time Warner Cable. The segment will air on TWC on December 25, 2014.

Staff in the Resource Management Services Branch and other GHL volunteers completed shifting the print North Carolina State Publications Collection on the 5th floor stacks of Library! The collection is now better arranged to accommodate growth in historic and new state publications that are being identified and collected by the GHL for the permanent collection on a daily basis. Thank you!

Staff in the GHL uploaded the first group of 100 historic digitized *North Carolina Reports*, given to the GHL by Jim Hutcheson, the North Carolina Supreme Court Reporter, to the digital NC State Publications Collection. These reports are now available for searching and use online.

Swayzine McLean, Becky Forbes, and Roseanna Covington in the GHL added 235 URL's to catalog records for digitized versions of print North Carolina state publications in our collection to make the entire (print and digital) collection more accessible to users.

The Government & Heritage Library, in conjunction with the State Archives, began participation in a pilot project to test a hosted instance of Archivematica, a digital preservation management system, through Duracloud, a hosted, cloud-based service that supports storage, preservation, and data sharing of digital assets in libraries and archives. DCR is one of nine institutions participating in the pilot, and the only non-academic institution.

Denise Jones, Agency Outreach Liaison, submitted 5 North Carolina state publications for consideration and inclusion in the annual notable documents list sponsored the government documents interest group, GODORT, of the American Library Association. North Carolina publications are often selected by the group for the list.

Rebecca Hyman and Cheryl McLean met with State Archives staff and NC Genealogical Society members to discuss plans for DCR to host an Ancestry.com sponsored "Ancestry Day" for genealogy researchers in November 2015. This event will replace the annual State Library/State Archives Family History Fair in 2015.

Rebecca Hyman has created a marketing plan and schedule for Roots MOOC, the genealogy massive open online course, which will be offered to the public beginning in March 2015. Registration for the MOOC will open in January 2015.

Josh Wilson and Irene Patrick worked together to create a form in the online catalog that allows patrons to easily request digitization of a print item for online access. Library users may submit a request directly from the catalog record for a particular title by clicking on the “Request Online Version” button on right hand side of the record page. When clicked, this request pulls up a pop-up form the user may fill out and submit immediately. The request goes into the library’s Digitization Queue (<http://statelibrarync.org/digitization/>) which is used by staff librarians to review requests and determine if titles are viable candidates for digitization. Using the queue, staff monitors and communicates digitization decisions, priorities, and timeframes with users.



The North Carolina State and Local Government Metadata Profile for Geospatial Data Services ([http://www.nconemap.com/Portals/7/documents/metadata\\_iso/slgmp.pdf](http://www.nconemap.com/Portals/7/documents/metadata_iso/slgmp.pdf)) was formally adopted as the state's geospatial metadata standard by the NC Geographic Information Coordinating Council (GICC) on November 20, 2014. Rachel Trent, Digital Collections Management Librarian, helped create the standard as a member of the GICC ad-hoc Metadata Committee (<http://www.ncgicc.com/Default.aspx?tabid=901>).

Gina Powell presented and staffed a display table with information about the LBPH and how the library helps educate children with disabilities for approximately 100 special educators at the North Carolina Exceptional Children's Conference.

Mary Helen Pearsall, LBPH Volunteer, presented information about LBPH services to 21 individuals who are blind or visually impaired at two separate Mini-Center events sponsored by the NC Division of Services for the Blind.

The Friends of the North Carolina Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped sponsored the library’s annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner on November 19 at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. The event honored 100+ volunteers who donate the equivalent work hours of 2.5 full time employees! The Library is most grateful for the Friends and all the volunteers who help us every day.

## **Continuing Education**

Kelly Brannock and Jennifer Pratt attended the iDEAL Summit at UNCG on library futures and co-facilitated a session.

Kelly Brannock attended the first session of the new workshop: *Knowing You, Knowing Them: Success Secrets for New Supervisors*; she partnered with NCLA LAMS to offer 3 of these workshops across the state in November.

The following in-person workshops (total attendance = 200) were provided:

- 5 sessions – *Introducing ProQuest*
- 3 sessions – *Knowing You, Knowing Them*
- 2 sessions – *Getting Started with Webpages*

Kelly developed a new webpage containing training materials and resources developed by Library Development staff and/or other SLNC-contract trainers. URL is:

[http://statelibrary.ncdcr.libguides.com/workshop\\_resources](http://statelibrary.ncdcr.libguides.com/workshop_resources)

She introduced a new “workshop logistics” evaluation for trainers to use in providing feedback on training locations. She continued to add new members to the CEinfo listserve; current list membership is at 315.

Molly Westmoreland provided a workshop to the governing board of the Nantahala Regional Library on November 13, 2014. The workshop emphasized the need for advocacy efforts, and on their evaluations, five of the seven attendees listed advocacy as their most valuable skill they acquired.

Jeffery Hamilton gave a presentation to library directors in Louisiana about the Edge initiative in North Carolina.

Lori Special was the online guest speaker for Connecticut State Library’s summer reading workshop. Participants viewed *Using Data to Tell the Summer Reading Story* recorded in 2013 and I answered questions and discussed specific issues around how NC has used and plans to use data gathered from the Reading Club software and end-of-SRP evaluations.

Jeffrey Hamilton, Kelly Brannock, Molly Westmoreland and Jennifer Pratt attended the Southern Council’s Library Development Forum in Charlotte.

## **NC Center for the Book**

All but one of the thirteen Let’s Talk About It series wrapped up in November, with the last program in the fall series scheduled for December 4. So far, eleven spring program series have been scheduled for 2015. Let’s Talk About It is a scholar-led reading and discussion program targeting out-of-school adults and developed by the American Library Association and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Gilbert-Chappell Distinguished Poets have been selected for the 2015 mentoring program. Brent Martin, Dr. Lynn Veach Sadler, and Eric Weil have been selected to represent North Carolina's mountains, central and eastern areas respectively, and to provide mentoring to four student poets in each area. The Distinguished Poets and their student poets will provide a reading program in their local public library, thereby providing reading experience for the poets, and poetry programs to our library communities. Gilbert-Chappell Distinguished Poets is a collaborative project between the State Library of NC's Center for the Book and the NC Poetry Society.

### **NC Public Librarian Certification Commission**

The Certification Commission met on November 10, 2014. Out of 19 applicants, 14 were approved, 4 were denied, and 1 remained pending out of 19 applicants. The successful applicants included a military spouse, who was certified according to the requirements of NCGS 93B-15.1.b, Licensure by Endorsement for Military Spouses. Though the candidate was lacking a course requirement, she had the other qualifications listed in the statute. She is currently working in the Nantahala Regional Library.

### **NC Cardinal**

Six public library systems applied to join the NC Cardinal consortium:

Neuse Regional, Henderson, Granville, Iredell, Alexander, and Johnston Counties.

The Cardinal team migrated Rockingham County Public Libraries and conducted on-site training for Harnett County Public Libraries.

### **LSTA**

The Library Development Section read 2015-16 letters of intent (LOI) for project grants. Raye Oldham completed responses to two of three IMLS Monitoring Visit recommendations regarding payroll documentation and limited English proficiency. She began entering the 2013-14 final LSTA report information in State Program Report online system. Raye coordinated, and conducted EZ Edge Technology program reviews for 37 applications.

### **Youth Services**

Lori Special conducted a youth services programming training at Lincoln County Public Library. She continued to post trends, information, and opportunities on NCKids listserv and updated the Youth Services Webpage.

Lori is working with a sub-committee of the Youth Services Advisory Committee to look at how to help public library directors and staff understand how the Public Library Standards apply to Youth Services.

### **Statistics**

Train Station - 1,972 views

Self-Paced Learning - 19 course enrollments and 15 hours 25 minutes of content viewing

## Twitter mention!

Elizabeth Husketh, Media Specialist at Club Blvd. Humanities Magnet School in Durham, NC shared an image on Twitter of third graders there using NCpedia in their research!



## NCpedia: Comments from users:

"i love this website!!! It always helps me with projects."

"Yo man, this is some good stuff. Thanks peeps for the hard work"

"Nerd power activate! This is awesome for my S.S. project."

## Notable Statistics

### LD Blog

753 Visits

1,307 Pageviews

Top Three Posts for November

- *New online continuing education portal for your staff* (82 views)
- *What's new in DigitalINC, October 2014* (80 views)
- *New library director: Madison County Public Library System* (63 views)

**GHL Blog**

Total posts: 13

1,126 unique visitors

1,298 visits

2151 pages views for the month.

Top 3 posts for November

- *NC County of the Week: Polk County* (151 views)
- *Counties and County Boundaries* (114 views)
- *Duplin County: North Carolina County of the Week* (89 views)

**Personnel**

- Lorice Hyman, Administrative Services Assistant V, retired effective November 30.
- William Thomas, Circulation Assistant, retired November 30.