

State Library Report

June 2015

Personnel

Andrea Green joined the Government & Heritage Library as the Digitization Projects Librarian.

Maya Claire Todd joined the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped as a Reader Advisor.

Stephen Gibb joined the LBPH as Circulation Processing Assistant.

Tasheba Dukes joined State Library Administration as Office Manager.

Activities / Accomplishments

The Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Summer Reading Kickoff program at the Governor Morehead School was a successful and popular event with 60 summer students in attendance. The Winston Salem Bomb Squad provided the program and volunteer Jake Keehn modelled the bomb suit.

The Executive Board of the Friends of the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped appointed Eddie Weaver, interim President, to fill the 2015-2017 term of President.

The National Library Service released the Bard Mobile App for Android in June. The LBPH has about 40 android Bard users at present. (This app makes materials available to users over mobile devices.)

Gina Powell hosted a LBPH information table at the Raleigh and Durham Triangle Caregivers Conferences in June where she spoke to @ 100 caregivers from the Triangle area.

Government & Heritage Library Staff participated in a one-day Workday onsite to discuss details of the recent restructuring of the GHL, new reporting relationships, and change management. The interactive workday was facilitated by Theresa Stroisch, an external change management specialist, and Jan Reagan, Chief of Library Services. Sessions included discussions of organizational life cycles; change management; the GHL vision, mission, organizational structure, and customer centered approach to work; 21st century library and workplace skills; and developing customer personas to help define library priorities in services and delivery.

Rebecca Hyman and Kelly Agan staffed an exhibit and information table at the 175th Anniversary of the State Capitol Celebration at the State Capitol on Saturday, June 13. They shared information about the GHL, the NCpedia, and happenings at the State Capitol in 1840 with 120 visitors to the exhibit.

Andrea Green, Digitization Projects Librarian, presented "DigitalINC as a partner" and "Copyright considerations" at the NC Collecting to Collections Beginning Digitization Workshop on June 23 attended by 27 librarians and archivists. She shared information about partnering with the NC Digital Heritage Center on digitization projects and general considerations and resources concerning copyright and digitization activities.

GHL staff established several work teams to address reference and public services practices, policies, and logistics; the single service point for all reference and circulation activities; and education and outreach activities. Staff from throughout the GHL is currently participating on teams to assess and update policies/practices, conduct program planning, and determine logistics of moving the single service point and the genealogy collection to the first floor within the next 6 months.

Staff in the Government & Heritage Library have begun assessing and evaluating the pros and cons of its current ILS system, Voyager, and other proprietary and open-source ILS options on the market. Irene Patrick, Jennifer Davison, and Monica Figueroa met and talked with system vendors at Computers in Libraries and the annual ALA Conference to discuss GHL needs and options available. The contract for the current ILS is up for renewal in spring 2016. Systems and cataloging staff, Irene Patrick, Vicki Brueck, and Becky Forbes, are also working on database cleanup projects to ensure a smooth migration of records to a new system in spring 2016.

Youth Services

We have some exciting news regarding the grant-funded WebJunction Supercharged Storytime Staff Training Program, and hope to be able to make an announcement soon. Stay tuned!

Lori Special is developing storytelling kit books and puppets that will buttress the NC Storytelling Guilds 100 Stories told in 100 County initiative. Storytellers will visit all 100 counties in September. She is also working with the State Fair's Read to Win competition by providing libraries with posters and bookmarks advertising the Read to Win competition.

NC Cardinal

The NC Cardinal team, with the assistance of the Library Development section, held the annual General Membership Meeting on June 9th. Attendance and participation in the meeting were both high. New members were elected to the Governance Committee and several other proposals were voted on by attendees. The NC Cardinal Staff survey closed on June 19. Amanda Johnson analyzed the data and prepared an internal report. She will work with Cardinal staff to prepare a report for member library directors using the survey data.

Continuing Education Surveys:

Amanda Johnson is in the process of analyzing all of the continuing education post workshop evaluations for 2014-2015. This includes webinars and in-person sessions and doing a by-location comparison. A report will be released in July.

Kelly Brannock initiated a Learning Round Table Marketing & Communications committee meeting to discuss social media guidelines & procedures and presented proposed guidelines to the Round Table executive board in a meeting at the ALA Conference in San Francisco.

Library Services and Technology Act

Recipients of the 2015-2016 LSTA Grants were announced. 29 applicants for 2014-2015 EZ Edge Technology Program Round 2 were received and 26 were funded. Three new members to the LSTA Advisory Committee were recruited and appointed. Planning has already begun for the 2016-2017 project year!

NC Center for the Book

Molly Westmoreland worked with our new office manager, Tasheba Dukes, to review the process for distributing *Let's Talk About* books to public libraries with an eye to streamlining, and with Caitlin Patton, NC Humanities Council's new Program Director to streamline the processes for applying for the program and gathering data. Three winners were selected for the 2015 *Letters About Literature* writing contest. Winners are Caroline Pyle, a sixth grader from Lexington Middle School in Lexington who wrote to author Gordon Korman about his book, *Schooled*. Erin Price, a seventh grader from Hendersonville Middle School in Hendersonville for her letter to Rebecca Stead, author of *When You Reach Me*. and Darian Boyd, a twelfth grader from Granville Early College High School in Creedmoor who won for his letter to Margaret Peterson Haddix, author of *Uprising*, and account of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire.

NC Public Librarian Certification Commission

The Certification Commission met on June 10, 2015. Fifty seven applications were considered, 53 were approved and 4 were denied.

Notable Statistics

Top Blog Posts for June 2015

GHL Blog had 2,365 page views, 1,569 sessions and 1,405 users.

- 297 views (June 8, 2015) *Organizing your Genealogy Research, Part 2*
- 197 views (June 9, 2015) *North Carolina K-12 Educational Content from Greensboro's Allosaurus Publishers Gets Digital View – Now Part of the North Carolina Digital Collections,*
- 159 views (June 24, 2015) *New Additions to NCpedia, North Carolina's Online Encyclopedia!*

Library Development Blog Statistics:

LD Blog had 5,817 page views, 2,521 sessions and 2,175 users