

State Library Report

August, 2015

Personnel

Keisha Parris, a graduate student in library science at NCCU began an internship in the Government & Heritage Library at the end of August. Keisha will be digitizing brochures and other related publications from North Carolina State Parks as well as some older, more fragile reports from the North Carolina State Penitentiary. She will also be assigning metadata and uploading these items to CONTENTdm for public access and use.

Interviews got underway for several open positions including Administrative Assistant and LSTA Program Assistant positions. Screening interviews were held for the Chief of Library Development position.

Activities / Accomplishments

Library Development Consultants traveled to Blowing Rock to meet with public library directors during their fall NC Public Library Directors Association meeting August 12-14, 2015. Jennifer Pratt worked with consultants to plan and provide a Summit on August 12 using the key finding of the Aspen Institute Report *Rising to the Challenge: Re-Envisioning Public Libraries*. 8 NC public library directors shared their experiences with projects focusing on public libraries' key assets as identified in the report, followed by consultant-led breakout sessions on opportunities for strategic action.

LD consultants Jeffrey Hamilton and Kelly Brannock served as hosts for the national Continuing Education Forum which met in Charlotte. 37 state library staff members attended the 3-day meeting that was planned and presented by State Library of NC staff. Raye Oldham presented a program on the new IMLS reporting system, Amanda Johnson presented on survey data analysis, and Cal Shepard provided an update on national CE programs.

Summer Reading programs in public libraries statewide wrapped up in August. Staff began gathering statistics on number of children participating, Number of books read and number of minutes read.

The Government & Heritage Library created an Educator Resources portal/landing page in NCpedia with a new home page link <http://ncpedia.org/educator-resources>. The new "Educator Resources: Activity Guides and Lesson Plans with NCpedia Resources" provides links to lesson plans and activities in NCpedia that are especially useful to K-12 educators in the state, including 100 lesson plans from the NC Civic Education Consortium and printable tables of NCpedia entries with lesson plans added. Staff shared the NCpedia articles with NC Civic Education lesson plan citations with the NC Civic Education Consortium for inclusion in their materials to increase educators' awareness and use of the NCpedia online.

Rachel Trent, Digital Collections Manager in the Government & Heritage Library made a presentation on digital collection management titled "Next Steps: Where To Go from Here" to 120 attendees at the Digital Directions Conference sponsored by the North East Document Conservation Center in Raleigh.

Kay Tillotson and Rebecca Hyman, Government & Heritage Library librarians, conducted a genealogy research workshop titled "Using Private Collections for Genealogical Research" for 21 genealogical researchers in August. Materials created for the workshop are available to researchers via the internet as well.

Materials created for RootsMOOC, an online family history research class offered to the public from March through June 2015 by the Government and Heritage Library and Wake Forest University's Z. Smith Reynolds Library, are still available online on the online course website, Canvas. Materials can currently be accessed and used at this site: <https://canvas.instructure.com/courses/951533>.

The Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, in cooperation with the Government and Heritage Library, hosted an educational program titled "Literary Trails of Eastern North Carolina" for the public on August 13 at the NC Museum of History. Funded by the NC Humanities Council, the program featured author Georgann Eubanks and the North Carolina Poet Laureate, Shelby Stephenson. Secretary Susan Kluttz welcomed the patrons and introduced the speakers. The program was most enjoyable for all who attended (50 total attendance).

Friends of the NCLBPH, Mary Helen Pearsall and Edith Byrd, hosted a display/information table at the Governor Morehead School Alumni Association event in August where they shared information about the library's services and resources.

Every Child Ready to Read, 2nd ed., workshops were conducted in Mount Airy, Shelby, Franklin, Hamlet, Rocky Mount, and Hillsborough in anticipation of North Carolina public library staff participation in the early literacy training, *Supercharged Storytimes*. North Carolina was one of five states selected for participation in this national program!

NC Cardinal Resource Sharing 2014-1015 Statistics

- Average weekly number of packages sent by Member Libraries = 29
- Total number of packages transited for resource sharing in FY2014-15 = over 27,000 packages

Government & Heritage Library staff responded to 459 reference inquiries during August, and 553 inquiries total. Three hundred fifty inquiries were made in-person, and 203 inquiries came in through the telephone, email, or other means (including NCpedia comments, blog comments, etc.)

Statistics

LD Blog

- 4,232 page views
- 1,118 users
- Users view on average 3 pages per visit

GHL blog

- 2,482 page views
- 1,431 users
- 1,610 sessions

Most viewed content:

371 views: **New Additions to North Carolina Digital Collections**, August 18, 2015,

<http://wp.me/p17ckJ-4sD>

182 views: **Of Archivists and Rock Stars...** August 12, 2015, <http://wp.me/p17ckJ-4sH>

Coming Up

2016-2017 LSTA Grant Opportunities – stay tuned to the [LSTA web page](#) for the most current information.

The State Library will be offering a second round of the Edge Initiative to public libraries beginning October 1, 2015. The Edge Initiative is toolkit that allows public libraries to measure the state of their technology and create an action plan to guide improvements and assist in advocacy efforts. Last year, North Carolina participated in the Initiative as a pilot state and had nearly 100% participation. We are hoping for an equally successful second round. Watch for more details in late September.