

## State Library Report

September 2015

### Activities / Accomplishments

The Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH) underwent its biennial National Library Service evaluation in September to measure the library's success in meeting national standards for the program and identify accomplishment and areas of need. Mary Beth Wise, NLS regional library consultant, conducted a 2-day site-visit of the library which included meetings with the Regional Librarian, staff, Library Services Section Chief and the State Librarian. In reviewing recommendations from the 2013 evaluation, the consultant found the library had met or exceed most of the previous recommendations. A final report of the 2015 evaluation will be forthcoming in December.

Carl Keehn, Regional Librarian at the LBPH, and Gina Powell, Outreach Librarian at LBPH, each presented LBPH updates to the North Carolina Chapter of the National Foundation of the Blind and the North Carolina Council of the Blind, respectively. These annual reports at these annual conventions strengthen the collegial bond and relationships between the library and these organizations.

The Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped participated in the following outreach activities:

- Presentation to individuals with visual impairments at the NC Department of Services for the Blind Mini Center about the library resources and services.
- Tour of the LBPH to students and teachers from the Governor Morehead School in Raleigh.

Amanda Johnson analyzed and presented findings from the statewide Continuing Education Needs Assessment to the CE Advisory Committee (CEAC). Top training needs according to the survey were: NC Live academic resources training, merchandising and promoting collections, social media tools and techniques, technology tips and tricks in instruction, and finding community data using NC Live Resources. Full results will be posted on the Library Development blog.

The annual Public Library Survey for FY 2014/2015 closed on September 15. Eighty eight % of public libraries submitted their data on time. Draft tables of the FY2014/2015 data will be posted in December to the State Library website.

CE Consultant Kelly Brannock facilitated DNCR's Historic Preservation staff in providing a webinar on Guidelines and Ethics. This included training DNCR staff, providing practice sessions, and then hosting and providing technical assistance during the webinar. She also coordinated the delivery of 7 State Library-sponsored in-person workshops around the state.

The guidelines, application forms and annual calendar for the 2016-2017 LSTA Grant program were posted to the State Library website <http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/ld/grants/lsta/2016-2017Grants.htm#GIApp> by LSTA Consultant Raye Oldham. Applications (from Academic, Community College and Public Libraries) are due February 26, 2016.

State Librarian Cal Shepard gave presentations at the Charlotte Public Library (Leadership Institute), Alamance County Public Library staff day and at the Rural Assembly with Secretary Kluttz.

The popular *Let's Talk About It* adult program series has added a new film series, *Create Equal*. The series includes four films documenting the history of slavery and the Civil Rights Movement: *The Abolitionists*; *Slavery By Another Name*; *The Loving Story*; and *Freedom Riders*.

North Carolina was represented at the 2015 National Book Festival Pavilion of States. This year's exhibit featured the book *Talkin' Guitar : the story of Young Doc Watson* by Robbin Gourley. Approximately 4500 people visited the NC booth including author David Lubar. Mr. Lubar was quoted as being delighted by NC's choice of a book about the guitarist. "Not only had I been listening to him since I was 12," Lubar told *Hotline*, "but his music plays a crucial role in my next novel, *Character, Driven*."

The NC Public Librarian Certification Commission met on September 23, 2015, to evaluate 57 applications for certification; 49 applications were approved and 8 denied.

The Government & Heritage Library added these updates to its digital collections/resources in September:

- New collection titled *Biographies and Histories of the North Carolina Supreme Court*  
<http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/home/collections/biographies-histories-nc-supreme-court>
- New digital issues of *Wildlife in North Carolina* and *Our State Magazine* which brings the library's online collections of these magazines up-to-date through year 2013 and year 2012 (respectively). <http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/home/collections/wildlife> and <http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/home/ourstate>
- Image collections created by NCpedia for the new NCpedia State Parks History collection and for the 2016 State Parks centennial:
  - NCpedia Flickr album "North Carolina State Parks"  
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/ncpedia/albums/72157657730635328>
  - Pinterest board for "North Carolina State Parks"  
<https://www.pinterest.com/ncghl/north-carolina-state-parks/>
  - NCpedia published 12 state symbol educational coloring sheet handouts  
<http://ncpedia.org/ncpedia-fun-activities>

Elisabeth Garner, government information librarian at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, provided positive feedback to the NC State Publications Clearinghouse staff about our distribution of documents and related information to libraries in the state as follows: "I've always appreciated how the State sends us the shipping lists for the NC Documents with their respective OCLC#'s..."

Andrea Green, Digitization Librarian in the GHL, trained several staff members from the NC Museum of Natural Sciences on using the scanning equipment in the Digital Lab. The library is assisting the Museum staff by scheduling time for them to use our scanning equipment and providing digitization guidelines

for file naming, processes, and managing digital information for a digitization project they are undertaking.

Government & Heritage Library staff conducted the following outreach and educational program activities in September:

- “Researching Your Target Market,” a presentation with the NC Department of Commerce on Census and other demographic information and how to find this data to businesses at the Small Business Association Center at Pitt Community College.
- “Tips and Tools for Beginning your Genealogy Research,” a presentation by GHL reference staff at the Family History Day at the Warren County Public Library.
- “Unique Collections Available from the State Library and State Archives of North Carolina that support family history research,” a presentation to attendees at the Family History Day at the Cumberland County Public Library. The library also sponsored an information table at the event and provided information to attendees about the State Library and State Archives.
- An information data and consultation with attendees at the North Carolina Rural Assembly about NC demographic and statistical data and other library resources.

## **Notable Statistics**

### **LD Blog:**

Page views: 4202

Sessions: 1350

Users 1057

### **GHL Blog**

Page views: 2311

Sessions: 1540

Users: 1401

Top three posts:

- September 2, 2015 (91 views) Back to school: For Educators — primary sources & new additions for studying North Carolina History, from North Carolina Digital Collections.
- September 13, 2015 (78 views) North Carolina County of the Week: Currituck County.
- September 20, 2015 (55 views) NC County of the Week: Vance County.