

State Library Report October 2015

Activities / Accomplishments

October was a busy month for the State Library! The North Carolina Library Association held their biennial conference in Greensboro October 20-23. State Library staff from all sections were heavily involved in presenting (numerous!) programs, putting together a booth for the exhibit hall and staffing it, and attending the conference. Additionally the State Library was able to fund 50 conference scholarships for library staff from all types of libraries across the state.

Collaboration by LBPH and Museum of Art



On October 30th the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped sponsored a tactile tour of the NC Museum of Art for 32 patrons and guests. The tour features a chance for patrons to touch sculptures using gloves. Sculptures included range from ancient ones to Rodin works. The museum staff does a wonderful job of organizing the event. Each docent provides a very interesting and entertaining tour tailored to her specific group to transform the art experience for our patrons. We even got a new library patron through this tour, because a person not currently registered with us but eligible for our library services just happened to arrive at the museum as the tour began. She stayed for the entire tour and really enjoyed it!

Gina Powell, Outreach Librarian at the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, various staff, and members of the Friends of the NCLBPH conducted outreach and shared information about the library with individuals who are visually impaired at the DSB Mini Center in Coats and the Lions Annual NCVIP Fishing Tournament in Nags Head; with veterans at the Veterans of Foreign Wars North Carolina Conference; and with students and Boy Scouts through 3 separate tours of the library.

NCpedia staff created a new [landing page](#), **EXPLORING NORTH CAROLINA: NORTH CAROLINA STATE PARKS, TRAILS, LAKES, RIVERS & NATURAL AREAS**, that includes links to articles and contemporary and historic images of the parks from the NC Division of Parks and Recreation, the State Archives of North Carolina,

the North Carolina Museum of History, and park visitors as well as GPS coordinates and maps and links to digitized publications from North Carolina state agencies. And, more park histories are being added!

Kelly Agan and Rebecca Hyman in the Government & Heritage Library conducted outreach to K-12 educators, sharing information about the library and its print and digital resources, particularly the NCpedia, at the NC Museum of History Educator Evening at the MOH on October 8.

Andrea Green, Digitization Librarian in the Government & Heritage Library, presented a lecture on digital librarianship at the State Library to a graduate library science class at the School of Library and Information Science at North Carolina Central University on October 29.

Molly Westmoreland attended Gaston County Library's All Staff Day October 12 and presented customer service training to 55 employees. She also provided trustee workshops in Gaston, Polk and Henderson County Libraries October 13-15 to a total of 25 library trustees. Then she presented two programs at the NCLA conference October 20-23: "Advocacy Made Easy" and "On the Same Poem" featuring NC Poet Laureate Shelby Stephenson.

Kelly Brannock coordinated the delivery of 5 in-person workshops and 1 webinar.

Jeffrey Hamilton and Amanda Johnson are leading a second round of Edge Assessment for NC public libraries. (78 public libraries – or 97% - completed the assessment last year.) Edge is a toolkit to help libraries assess public technology in their facilities and provide resources for improvements. The assessment window opened on October 1 and will close on December 18.

Notable Statistics

GHL Blog

2,320 page views, 1,562 sessions and 1,418 users

Top 3 posts for October:

- 10/7/2015 – 135 views, NCpedia has New Resources
- 10/14/2015 - 60 views, Apples & the Old Time Apple Paring Bee: Last minute dessert from North Carolina on National Dessert Day
- 10/26/2015 – 57 views, 19th Century Newspapers Database

Personnel

Library Services Section Chief Jan Reagan announced her retirement to be effective at the end of 2015.

Nitin Arora started as the Digital Collections Manager.

Nedra Dixon, Jackie Haske and Christine Molesky all began work as Administrative Assistants.