

## State Library Report

August 2016

### What's new?



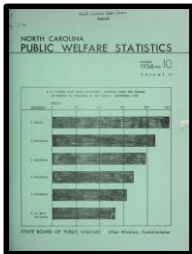
The latest issue of the *NC State Publications Update* newsletter was published on August 9th! Check it out at

<http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/ref/collection/p249901coll22/id/731779>



*Caswell News* (1936-1979) has been digitized. View all issues online at:

<http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/search/searchterm/Caswell%20Center--Periodicals/>



More volumes of *Public Welfare Statistics*, were digitized and made available online. View them all at

<http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/search/searchterm/Public%20welfare--North%20Carolina--Statistics--Periodicals/>

A variety of reports from mental health hospitals and institutions were added to the NC Digital Collections, going back to the 1870s! To view all of them, go to <http://bit.ly/2c9deXc>.

The Government and Heritage Library also had an outreach table at NC Genealogical Society Summer Workshop on August 13th. We enjoyed talking with everyone there!

**Book review published in *North Carolina Libraries* by Steve Case** - Steve Case has a book review in the August 2016 issue of *North Carolina Libraries*

(<http://www.ncl.ecu.edu/index.php/NCL/article/view/736/790>) on *Reconstruction's Ragged Edge: The Politics of Postwar Life in the Southern Mountains*.

### **New online subscription resource for state agencies and library users!**

After soliciting and receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback on a trial subscription to NewsBank's Current North Carolina Newspapers, an online subscription database, the Government & Heritage Library is subscribing to it! NewsBank's Current North Carolina Newspapers will be available to all

Government & Heritage Library card holders. It includes local news from 175 sources from around the state, including newspapers and the blogs from select TV stations. The database also has a current awareness service, already being used by state agency employees in multiple Departments, to track specific issues and alert users about local coverage.

Lauren Clossey, new CE Consultant, hosted a meeting of the Continuing Education Advisory Committee where it was decided to redesign the annual CE survey. A new survey has been designed and sent out to members for review. The next step is to deploy the survey to library staff statewide.

Library Development Consultant Molly Westmoreland provided a trustee workshop for the Bladen County Library on August 30, 2016.

Regional Libraries Assessment – Consultant Karen Dash traveled to Raleigh on August 26 and August 31 to present her findings for the Regional Library Assessment. In a ninety-minute presentation, Karen brought her audiences through a 36-slide PowerPoint providing a road map of the 12 regional libraries' governance and funding, a comparison of the 12 regional libraries' Salary and Job Classifications and her conclusions regarding the effectiveness of the Regional Library Structure. She also provided a 33-page Executive Summary, a 70-page Data Assessment and a 350-page Salary and Job Classification Analysis. While the assessment reaffirms the effectiveness of the regional library model in providing library services in counties that might not be able to afford such services otherwise, there is much work to be done to improve financial support for North Carolina's regional library systems.

Federal Programs Consultant Raye Oldham gave a presentation about the LSTA program in Lillington for 7 Community College librarians from district 4.

Staff from NC Cardinal Project held two strategic planning workshops with the Galecia Group.

New Library Development Chief Tanya Prokrym, along with LD Consultants, offered a half-day training session for interested public library directors on the Aspen Institute Action Guide; Engaging Your Community at the directors August meeting in Blowing Rock.

### **Social Media**

GHL Blog received the following for the month of August:

1,278 Sessions, 1,865 Pageviews, 1,159 Users

Top GHL Blog Posts for August:

1. Using Newspapers.com for Research, <http://wp.me/p17ckJ-4Mr> - 176 views
2. New @NCpedia- NC Olympians in the NC Sports Hall of Fame, <http://wp.me/p17ckJ-4MM> - 126 views
3. Celebrating National Aviation Week: Take a short hop over to NCpedia for NC Aviation Firsts, <http://wp.me/p17ckJ-4N3> - 70 views

LD Blog received the following for the month of August:

1,314 sessions, 4,037 page views, and 1,091 users

Top LD blog posts for August:

1. Save the Date – Virtual Family History Fair, <http://statelibrarync.org/ldb/2016/08/22/save-date-virtual-family-history-fair-october-15-2016/> -362 views
2. We're hiring, <http://statelibrarync.org/ldb/2016/08/19/were-hiring-3/> - 340 views
3. Non-LSTA Grant Resources, <http://statelibrarync.org/ldb/2016/08/01/non-lsta-grant-resources/> - 240 views

### **What's up - September and October?**

School is back in session and is in full swing. We have several onsite tours coming up in September for school groups. Know of a school group that would like a tour of the Government & Heritage Library? Contact Rebecca Hyman at [rebecca.hyman@ncdcr.gov](mailto:rebecca.hyman@ncdcr.gov)!

Upcoming presentations from Government & Heritage Library (GHL) staff:

- October 8, 2016: African American Genealogy  
Where: Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Durham, 10:00am-11:30am
- October 15, 2016: **Virtual Family History Fair**  
What: Four sessions 45- 50 min each  
Where: Streaming from Museum of Nat. Sciences - NC libraries participating with viewing parties. 10am - 2pm  
Government & Heritage Library will be a viewing location as well! So, if you are in the area, join us! If you are interested in hosting a viewing party, contact Rebecca Hyman at [rebecca.hyman@ncdcr.gov](mailto:rebecca.hyman@ncdcr.gov)!
- Oct. 19, 2016: Genealogy Presentation - Wake County Public Libraries  
What: Introduction to Genealogy - Presentation, 2-3pm  
Where: Eva Perry Library, 2100 Shepherd's Vineyard Dr., Apex 919-387-2122
- Oct. 20, 2016: Genealogy Presentation - Wake Co. Libraries  
What: Introduction to Genealogy - Presentation, 2-3pm  
Where: North Regional Library, 7009 Harps Mill Rd, Raleigh 919-870-4013
- October 20-22, 2016: [NC School Library Media Association Annual Conference](#)  
What: Eight session presentations from Divisions throughout the DNCR, with GHL presenting or co-presenting four of them, and helping with a DNCR outreach table  
Where: Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem

### **Personnel**

Monica Figuero, Assistant State Publications Cataloger, resigned August 25.

### **Compliments to staff:**

Beth Hayden received a compliment from a researcher in Switzerland, "If there would be a Pulitzer prize for librarians I would certainly put you high on my list of nominees!"

From the GHL Reference Comments Notebook, 8/12/2016. "Entire staff was helpful, friendly, resourceful and able to provide me with materials so desperately needed."

A comment from staff at the Central Piedmont Community College to Denise Jones, "I certainly think the archiving of publications and your role is essential!"

**NCpedia comment highlight:**

"This site is soooo cool shows us how times have changed."



**Joshua James** reviewed North Carolina Digital Heritage Center — 5★

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Probably one of the best places on the Internet. DigitalNC is incredibly user-friendly, easy to navigate, and stunningly comprehensive. The newspaper collection alone makes it worthwhile but there's so much more. Really this site is a perfect example of the positive power of the Internet.

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