

State Library Monthly Report  
September 2016

Activities / Accomplishments

The Government & Heritage Library launched its new Book a Librarian service! Consultations may be done in-person or via the telephone! More information about setting up an appointment may be found at <http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/gh/services/bookalibrarian.html>. The National Genealogical Society highlighted the service in their blog at <http://upfront.ngsgenealogy.org/2016/10/neat-idea-book-librarian-service.html>.



**Our State Magazine Digital Collection now includes issues from 2013!**

Our State Magazine issues from 2013 have now been added to the Our State Magazine Digital Collection. Browse all issues from 1933-2013 at <http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/home/ourstate>. Through an ongoing collaboration with *Our State Magazine*, each year we make another year's worth of issues freely available online for all to enjoy.



## Talks and Tours!

GHL had two school groups visit in September. One was a group of 40 homeschool students and their families, and the other was a group of 14 that included 5th graders and chaperones.

Women in North Carolina History was the topic of two 90 minute presentations presented by Kelly Agan at two Wake County Public Libraries. She appeared at North Regional Library on 9/24, and West Regional Library on 10/5.

Denise Jones gave a virtual presentation for a UNC-Greensboro Library and Information Studies class on 9/29. The class instructor said after the end of class that it was, "Very beneficial to all, including myself. I really did not know much at all about the State Library."

Fifteen North Carolina Library Association Student Ambassadors were honored on 9/28. Cal Shepard was one of the speakers at the ceremony. The students also received a special tour of the Government & Heritage Library led by Denise Jones. They were able to view some of the 100+ year old items in our collection, and some of our popular online resources (NCpedia and the NC Digital Collections).

The Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH) again became a media star when UNC-TV visited and filmed a segment on their NC Now program. The segment is scheduled to be broadcast on Thursday October 13 at 8 pm. It is also available on the NC Now page [http://video.pbs.org/widget/partnerplayer/2365858866/?player=DrupalPlayer&w=512&h=288&chapter\\_bar=true&autoplay=false](http://video.pbs.org/widget/partnerplayer/2365858866/?player=DrupalPlayer&w=512&h=288&chapter_bar=true&autoplay=false).

September is convention month, with both the North Carolina Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind and the North Carolina Council of the Blind both having their conventions. LBPH hosted exhibit tables at both events and made a report to the membership at the NFB-NC event.



The State Library is partnering with the Museum of Natural Sciences, North Carolina State University, and the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission to provide North Carolina residents the opportunity to engage in citizen science and wildlife management. The project is titled "Candid Critters".

Candid Critters is a statewide survey of mammals, with data gathered through the deployment of cameras throughout the state. Selected citizen volunteers will check out special cameras from their local library, station the cameras in the wild, and after a period of time return the cameras and upload any camera pictures. The Museum is providing the camera and public libraries are checking them out and providing tech support. The program will start in the eastern counties of North Carolina in December 2016 and then be available for the rest of the state by March 2017.



Library Development hosted a 2-day workshop on facilitation techniques, resources and tools for thirty (30) Public Library Directors on September 7-8, 2016. Maureen Sullivan, a widely recognized leader and educator in the library profession, was the primary facilitator for the workshops. Workshop materials are based upon The Aspen Institute's "Rising to the Challenge" Report and its companion Action Guide as the framework for community engagement and conversations. URL: <http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/ld/toolkit/community/>

Lauren Clossey met with UNC-G representatives to create the framework and application for the Alternative Spring Break program, an internship opportunity for library school students.

Federal Programs Consultant, Raye Oldham, supported 24 new and rising library leaders at NCLA's Leadership Institute in Black Mountain, NC. State Librarian Cal Shepard attended one day to make a presentation about the Future of Libraries.



NC Cardinal reached a major milestone with the implementation of a new resource sharing standard. The new standard significantly improves reporting capabilities for resource sharing. Franklin County provided feedback, "Just wanted to let you know that the new shelving locations seem to be helping with reports accuracy for us. ...Also less redundancy makes for shorter reports."



Molly Westmoreland and Cal Shepard attended the national Book Festival Pavilion of States in Washington, D.C. Over 3000 festival attendees stopped by NC's booth, many shared stories of their connection to our state while learning about our featured book *The Wrath and the Dawn* by Charlotte author Renée Ahdieh. For more about the success of the festival: [https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/at-national-book-festival-all-is-not-lost-for-young-readers/2016/09/24/f8ec732e-827c-11e6-b002-307601806392\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/at-national-book-festival-all-is-not-lost-for-young-readers/2016/09/24/f8ec732e-827c-11e6-b002-307601806392_story.html)

Public libraries reported their statistics for FY15/16 by September 30 and draft data will be posted to the State Library website in November. Metrics collected include collections, usage, staffing and finance.

Library Development Staff attended the Summer Reading Summit in Thomasville on September 30, 2016. Participants provided numerous suggestions to Library Development in terms of workshop logistics, youth services trends, and current improvements in youth services activities.

State Librarian Cal Shepard addressed Leadership class participants at the Charlotte Public Library on September 20. On the 30<sup>th</sup> she led staff day activities for Northwestern Regional Library in their East Bend branch library.

## Webinars and Workshops

1. Molly Westmoreland presented a workshop on advocacy to the staff of the Person County Library on September 16, 2016.
2. Molly also provided a session on hiring a library director to the governing board of the Northwestern Regional Library on September 1, 2016
3. Lori participated in an ECU Online Class Presentation: Resources for Teens from the State Library of North Carolina for Jami Jones, professor. Early Literacy Instruction: 10 Research-Informed Practices That Can Change Every Classroom: (internal professional development)

## Social Media

### GHL Blog:

1,268 Sessions, 1,826 Page Views, 1,162 Users

Top Posts:

State Doc Pick of the Week: Where did North Carolina Physicians go to Medical School?,

<http://wp.me/p17ckJ-4Nw> -58 views

State Doc Pick of the Week: East - ECU Magazine, <http://wp.me/p17ckJ-4NF> - 56 views

State Doc Pick of the Week: Federation Bulletin, <http://wp.me/p17ckJ-4NM> - 55 views

### LD Blog:

1,330 Sessions, 4,278 Page Views, 1,018 Users

Top posts:

YALSA 2017 Summer Learning Program Grants <http://statelibrarync.org/ldb/2016/09/26/yalsa-2017-summer-learning-program-grants/> 696 Views

2017-18 LSTA Grant Opportunities Announced <http://statelibrarync.org/ldb/2016/09/01/2017-18-lsta-grant-opportunities/> - 340 Views

New Director at Mooresville Public Library <http://statelibrarync.org/ldb/2016/09/06/new-director-mooresville-public-library/> - 222 views

## Comments from Users

I am completely satisfied with the excellent service that I received (from Nintin) in the GHL today!

Denise Jones had a conference call with the Director of the Innovation Lab at Harvard Law School Library and the Harvard Law School Library's Manager of Digital Strategies. Prior to the phone conference, Denise sent links to the digital collection with the NC Reports and Court of Appeals Opinions in the North Carolina Digital Collections. The Harvard staff said they were "very impressed with the collection". They said, "It's an amazing collection." They are not aware of another state having such a collection available online and commended us for doing so.

Thanks to all the staff for their generous help! Their kind attitude was greatly appreciated. -Cookeville, TN

Molly on her NWRL workshop: Comments included: "Great presentation – gave me a better understanding of the interview process," "Excellent!" and "Good job! Thanks!"

### **NCpedia comment highlights**

- Wow, i just looked at this and i have so much info for my presentation. I already bookmarked it. :) P.S i will not plagiarize. Just so you know.
- I think this article was very helpful. Thank you for putting in the effort and time you do to this website. My report is basically done because of it!
- Thank you website. This will help me with my 5th grade report on North Carolina!
- This was very helpful for my project!
- Epic website =)
- My dad spent some time there as a returning soldier and would often talk fondly of the hospital. Thanks for keeping history alive. (Moore General army hospital entry)
- I have known of Mr. Hathaway all my 86 years as a friend of Burton Hathaway Jones. While learning recently that Mr Hathaway opened the first bank in Edenton, I wanted a little more information. Paschal's summary just fit the bill. Give it 5 stars.