

State Library Report November 2016

Activities / Accomplishments

In cooperation with the Governor Morehead School and the Division of Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH) sponsored a program “A Celebration of Cooking” at the Governor Morehead School. The main speaker was Christine Ha, who has a visual impairment and won the Master Chef competition on TV. The program and cooking demonstrations were attended by 108 people with another 65 people viewing the live stream of the program. An additional 158 people have streamed the video presentation since the program was held. The recorded video is online at <http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/lbph/eventsprograms.html#cookingprogram>.



The NC Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped celebrated the contributions of their volunteers with the annual Volunteer Recognition banquet at the NC State McKimmon Center. Sixty-six volunteers and Friends attended as service awards, recognizing the number of volunteer hours completed, were presented. Dan Wade was recognized as Volunteer of the Year - he recorded two of the three audio books that LBPH contributed to the National Library Service Braille and Audio Recording Download service. The volunteer banquet was underwritten by the LBPH Friends Group. In FY 2015-16, 71 volunteers completed 3,610 volunteer hours.

LBPH Outreach staff were busy in November. They made contact with over 260 people through 5 separate events.

NCpedia’s new look is live! It went live in early December, but we couldn’t wait to tell you! The interface is based on usability testing and user input.



The Fall issue of the NC State Publications [Clearinghouse Update](#) newsletter is out! Included in it are highlights from the survey conducted earlier this year on state agency publishing practices. Only 9% of agency respondents only publish materials digitally - meaning they no longer print anything in paper. Read more at <http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/ref/collection/p249901coll22/id/208634>.



Government & Heritage Library staff Kelly Agan and Kay Tillotson represented the library at the American Indian Heritage celebration at the NC Museum of History. They talked about our resources and answered questions for visitors.

Library Development presented numerous advocacy workshops during November to Catawba County, Cleveland County, and Mauney Memorial (Kings Mountain) Libraries. Comments and feedback from the workshops included, "A very worthwhile program that would be useful for all voluntary library boards. Ms. Westmoreland was a fantastic facilitator for us." (Mark Alan Hudson, Chair of the Cleveland County Library Board)



The Candid Critters project (www.nccandidcritters.org) is well underway! North Carolina Libraries are assisting the Museum of Natural Sciences to study wildlife by running a motion sensitive "camera trap" on their property or public land. Camera kits were mailed to participating libraries, to be checked out by patrons for a December Start date. Eastern libraries piloting the project include Beaufort-Hyde-Martin, Bladen County, Currituck County,

Farmville Public Library, Hertford County, Neuse Regional, Pender County and Wayne County.

Eleven (11) letters of intent to apply for LSTA Project Grant funds were received from public and academic libraries. Library Development Staff reviewed the preliminary applications and provided feedback to each applicant to strengthen the application.

Johnnie Pippin, Lori Special, and Tanya Prokrym represented Library Development and attended the Southern Council of State Library Agencies Forum in Charleston, South Carolina. The Forum's goals are to empower Library Development personnel to take a big picture approach to delivering services to public libraries in their states. This year's forum focused upon "The Role of the State Library in Creating Community Initiatives."

Notable Statistics

GHL Blog: 1,256 sessions, 1,865 page views, 1,156 users

Top Posts:

- Research in Abolished Counties: Clarendon, 1664-1667, <http://wp.me/p17ckJ-4O>, 106 views
- Digital Collections: North Carolina Newspapers, <http://wp.me/p17ckJ-4zt>, 70 views
- State Doc Pick of the Week: Explorations, <http://wp.me/p17ckJ-4PJ>, 49 views

Library Development Blog: 678 Sessions, 2,616 Page Views, 890 Users

Top Posts:

- New In-Person Customer Service Training from the State Library <http://statelibrarync.org/ldb/2016/11/17/new-person-customer-service-training-state-library/>, 252 Views
- New Library Director: Lesley Mason, Caldwell County <http://statelibrarync.org/ldb/2016/11/07/new-library-director-lesley-mason-caldwell-county/>, 247 Views
- Monthly Report: October 2016 <http://statelibrarync.org/ldb/2016/11/14/monthly-report-october-2016/>, 114 Views

Compliments to staff

We have visited the library at least once a year for several years. Every time we have been here the staff has been very helpful to us. They are quite knowledgeable and know just where to point us to find the material we want. -Durango, CO

Personnel

Laura O'Donoghue, Assistant State Librarian, submitted her resignation on November 2.

The NC Cardinal Program Manager position was reposted.