State Library of North Carolina
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What’s new?

**Government & Heritage Library officially joins N.C. Cardinal!**
On January 18, 2017, the Government & Heritage Library’s (GHL) online catalog officially went live in N.C. Cardinal. Now it and other North Carolina government agency libraries are searchable through the N.C. Cardinal consortium along with 38% of the public libraries across North Carolina. Naturally, this was months in the making, as staff in the GHL and in N.C. Cardinal worked hard to make the transition as smooth as possible for our customers. A huge THANK YOU goes out to all who were involved!
Test it out yourself at [http://ncgov.nccardinal.org/eg/opac/home](http://ncgov.nccardinal.org/eg/opac/home).

**LSTA Grant Applications Go Online!**
Library Development implemented a new Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Management System this month. This new software application will facilitate grant submissions for all North Carolina Libraries, making it easier to track a grant application through its numerous stages.

**New online!**
February is Black History Month

New tutorial! Using North Carolina Cohabitation Records to research your African American ancestors
In honor of Black History Month, the North Carolina Government & Heritage Library released a new tutorial titled, “Using North Carolina Cohabitation Records to research your African American ancestors.” Take a look at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1x5oa13Hbi4.

NCpedia bookmarks honor African American history
Kelly Agan, Digital Projects Librarian, created a new set of bookmarks for NCpedia.org, the online encyclopedia about North Carolina. Featured are Lunsford Lane, Harriet Jacobs, Charlotte Hawkins Brown, Willie Otey Kay, and Henry Plummer Cheatham. Read about these individuals and more in NCpedia.org. These bookmarks may be printed from any location! To see these and other NCpedia bookmark series, go to http://www.ncpedia.org/ncpedia-bookmarks.
Virtual cooking program goes viral!

Shares, views, and more shares!
During January, the November virtual cooking program coordinated by the N.C. Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped reached an even larger audience through social media.

The DNCR Public Relations office produced a 3 minute segment from the cooking show footage and posted it on the DNCR Facebook page. View it at https://www.facebook.com/NorthCarolinaCulture/videos/10154941359281458/.

A copy of the video was forwarded to Christine Ha, the star chef who presented at the program, and she posted it on her Twitter account. This gave the video even further distribution. A copy of the promotional video was also sent to the National Library Service for the Blind and they followed up by featuring the cooking program in their latest newsletter.
Forsyth County Bookmobile!
A state-of-the-art mobile library rolled out the door in Forsyth County. The Forsyth Public Library requested funds from Library Development’s grant program to provide services to underserved communities throughout their County. The mobile unit offers computer learning classes at their fully equipped workstations and circulates books and materials to address literacy and lifelong learning.

NC Kids
A first of its kind statewide eBook consortium specifically for children has launched in the Tar Heel State. With assistance from the State Library, the NC Public Library Directors Association, NCGA, and NC General Assembly have created a new digital resource sharing service for kids pre-K through 4th grade. Over 3,700 eBooks, audiobooks, videos and Read-Along are now available to younger readers via 85 regional, county and municipal libraries in North Carolina through OverDrive’s digital reading platform. These materials are instantly available for every child, at home and everywhere. Visit https://nckids.overdrive.com/.
African American Heritage Celebration

Upcoming presentations in February from the Government & Heritage Library
February 25, 2017, 3:00p.m.: “Researching African American Ancestors” by Kay Tillotson. West Regional Library, 4000 Louis Stephens Dr. Cary, NC. For more information, call West Regional Library at (919) 463-8500.

Meetings and conferences
Cal Shepard attended meetings of the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies and the board of the North Carolina Library Association. She made a presentation about the “NEXUS Leadership Across Boundaries” project at the American Library Association Midwinter Conference.

Library Development Liaison Visits and Training
Library Development Consultants are conducting site visits to Public Libraries around the State. To date, Bladen, Cleveland, Columbus, Caswell, Cumberland, Davie, Davidson, East Albemarle, Farmville, Forsyth, Harnett, Hickory, Mooresville, New Hanover, Rockingham, Rutherford, Sampson-Clinton, Union, and Wayne Counties have been visited. New Director Orientations were conducted for Caldwell County and Albemarle Regional Library and Advocacy workshops were offered at Pettigrew Regional Library and Cabarrus County.
Upcoming presentations in March from the Government & Heritage Library

Exhibitor and presenter. Visit us in the Exhibit Hall!
• March 2, 2017, 8:00a.m. “NCpedia in the Classroom: Integrating Access to Content, Educator Tools & Primary Sources” by Kelly Agan.

March 2-3, 2017: North Carolina Technology in Education Society, Raleigh Convention Center, Raleigh, NC.
For more information: http://www.ncties.org/conference
Exhibitor and presenter. Visit us in the Exhibit Hall!
• March 3, 2017, 10:30a.m. Rm. 307. Raleigh Convention Center, Raleigh, NC. “Playing Nicely Together: Integrating NC’s Digital Historical Content in the Standard Course of Study” by Rebecca Hyman (Government & Heritage Library) and Kathy Parker (N.C. Dept. of Public Instruction)
• Time TBD. “Using Digital Timelines in the Classroom” by Rebecca Hyman.

http://statelibrary.ncdcr.libguides.com/trainstation

March 16, 2017, 7:00p.m., Edgecombe County Genealogical Society Meeting, Edgecombe County Public Library, Tarboro, NC. “Finding Female Ancestors” by Kay Tillotson. For more information call the Edgecombe County Public Library at (252) 823-1141.
Upcoming presentations and Workshops

Upcoming presentations in March

March 4 – Friends of North Carolina Public Libraries meeting in New Bern
  • State Library presentation by Molly Westmoreland

March 18 - Friends of North Carolina Public Libraries meeting in Burlington
  • State Library presentation by Molly Westmoreland

March 25 - Friends of North Carolina Public Libraries meeting in Hayesville
  • State Library presentation by Cal Shepard

March 30, 2017 - North Carolina Community College Library Association Conference in Morehead City
  • What the State library Can Do for You presentation by Cal Shepard

March 31, 2017 – North Carolina Public Library Director’s Association in New Bern
  • State Library Update Presentation by Cal Shepard

Upcoming Library Development Workshops in March

March 7-8, 2017 – Library Development is providing a two-day workshop as part of our series on strategic planning and evaluation tools. This workshop explores ways
  • to use the Edge Toolkit in conjunction with other planning efforts such as strategic plans
  • how to use data to communicate your library’s role and value in providing public access technology and assistance to key stakeholders, and
  • tips for improvement in strategy and evaluation, devices and bandwidth, and accessibility.
Finding Female Ancestors (online version)
March 22, 2017, 10:00 a.m. (ET)

This one hour online webinar will explore resources and practices in finding the women in your family tree using research tools and materials in the N.C. Government and Heritage Library.

Register online at: http://bit.ly/GHL_March22webinar
From an NCpedia user:
- I am doing an A-Z project at my school, I really like the this website, I will use this website again.

From visitors to the Government & Heritage Library:
- I talked to Kay Tillotson on the phone before driving over 5 hours to visit here. This morning she came very prepared to our meeting in this library. What she showed and explained to me was outstanding. Her knowledge, concern, skill and help were exemplary. Also the other library staff were extremely professional, responsive and helpful. -Reston, VA

- A very good research trip. Good resources and a most helpful staff. Thank you.
Social Media

GHL Blog

- 1060 sessions
- 1484 pg views
- 987 users

Top Posts

168 views
Tracing a family through three generations
http://wp.me/p17ckJ-4Sy

82 views
Digital Collections: State Publications
http://wp.me/p17ckJ-4RS

41 views
State Doc Pick of the Week: SportsNC Scoreboard
http://wp.me/p17ckJ-4S8

LD Blog

- 869 sessions
- 2586 pg views
- 684 users

Top Posts

198 views
LSTA Grant Announcement
http://statelibrarync.org/ldblog/2017/01/09/ista-grant

176 views
Announcing the NC Kids Digital Library
http://statelibrarync.org/ldblog/2017/02/02/announcing-nc-kids-digital-library

174 views
North Carolina and the Great War
http://statelibrarync.org/ldblog/2017/01/19/north-carolina-great-war
Arrivals and departures

Arrivals: Welcome aboard!

Kelly Eubank and Jennifer Hanft join the Government & Heritage Library

Kelly Eubank joined the State Library as the Head of Content and Information Delivery for the Government and Heritage Library. Kelly previously was the Head of the Digital Services Section at the State Archives of North Carolina.

Jennifer Hanft joined the State Library as the new Education and Instruction Librarian at the Government and Heritage Library. Jennifer previously worked as a Reference Librarian at Meredith College and as the Access and Outreach Services Librarian at Marymount University.

Departures: Thank you and best wishes!

Laurie Reeves, Government & Heritage Library

Laurie Reeves’s last day was January 3, 2017. Laurie had served as our Systems Support Librarian for the past 3.5 years. We greatly appreciate all the hard work Laurie put in over the years! Most recently, she helped coordinate the creation and release of NCpedia’s new interface. Take a look if you haven’t already: http://ncpedia.org

Other Personnel

Interviews were held for the Assistant State Librarian position, a candidate was selected, and paperwork submitted to HR.

Interviews were scheduled (to be held in February) to fill the Office Manager position.

Interviews are being held for the NC Cardinal Program Manager position.
About the State Library

Established in 1812, the State Library of North Carolina is the catalyst for exceptional library services in North Carolina. We are the principal library of state government; we build the capacity of all libraries; and we develop and support access to specialized collections for the people of North Carolina.

The State Library is currently made up of three parts:

**GHL** Government & Heritage Library
Provides print and digital information about North Carolina, as well as history, government, genealogy, and statistical research expertise.

**LD** Library Development
Supports libraries throughout the state, through innovative programs and services, to help them meet the needs of their communities.

**LBPH** Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped
Serves blind and physically handicapped readers, through a wide range of books and magazines in print, braille, and audio formats.
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