

JUNE 2017
MONTHLY
REPORT



CATALYST FOR EXCEPTIONAL LIBRARY SERVICES

June Highlights

International Visitors

A delegation of library and archives professionals from the **Ethiopian National Archives and Library Agency and the University of Gondar** visited the State Library on June 26th as part of the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program. Rebecca Hyman, Educational Programs and Outreach Librarian; Michelle Underhill, Director of N.C. Government & Heritage Library; and Timothy Owens, Assistant State Librarian shared information on the wide range of services and programs we offer and provided a tour of the library (they especially enjoyed seeing the stacks!) The group ended their visit with a tour of Archives.



Bataan Survivor Book Talk: A Collaborative Event

Frank Blazich Jr., Military Curator at the **Smithsonian's National Museum of American History**, gave a book talk on June 24 about *Bataan Survivor*, a memoir by Colonel David L. Hardee. The event was co-coordinated by the State Library's N.C. Government & Heritage Library, the State Archives of North Carolina, and the N.C. Museum of History. The talk was followed by a book signing at the N.C. Museum of History. Special exhibits of Hardee's letters and artifacts were displayed by the State Archives of North Carolina and by the N.C. Museum of History. Attendees had tremendous praise for the event!



Captions (L-R): International visitors in GHL stacks, Timothy Owens with visitors, Rebecca Hyman and Michelle Underhill leading GHL tour, Author Frank Blazich, Frank Blazich at Book signing.

June and July Highlights and Upcoming Events

Tactile Art Tour

In cooperation with the North Carolina Museum of Art, the Library for the Blind presented a pair of tactile art tours, enabling visually impaired people to enjoy sculpture by feeling it. The tours are always popular. One patron called afterward to express her thanks for the tour. She was especially pleased that when the tour leader found out that the patron was Jewish she took her to the replica of the Eastern Wall in Jerusalem. This was a highlight for that patron!



Webinar on “Public Library Innovations: A Story of Community Engagement.”

Anna Yount, Library Director, Transylvania County Library, joined forces with the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) to conduct a webinar for over 70 library leaders and city/county managers interested in designing more effective strategies for aligning library services with priorities of their community. Jaime Laughter, County Manager, Transylvania County, North Carolina, also presented.

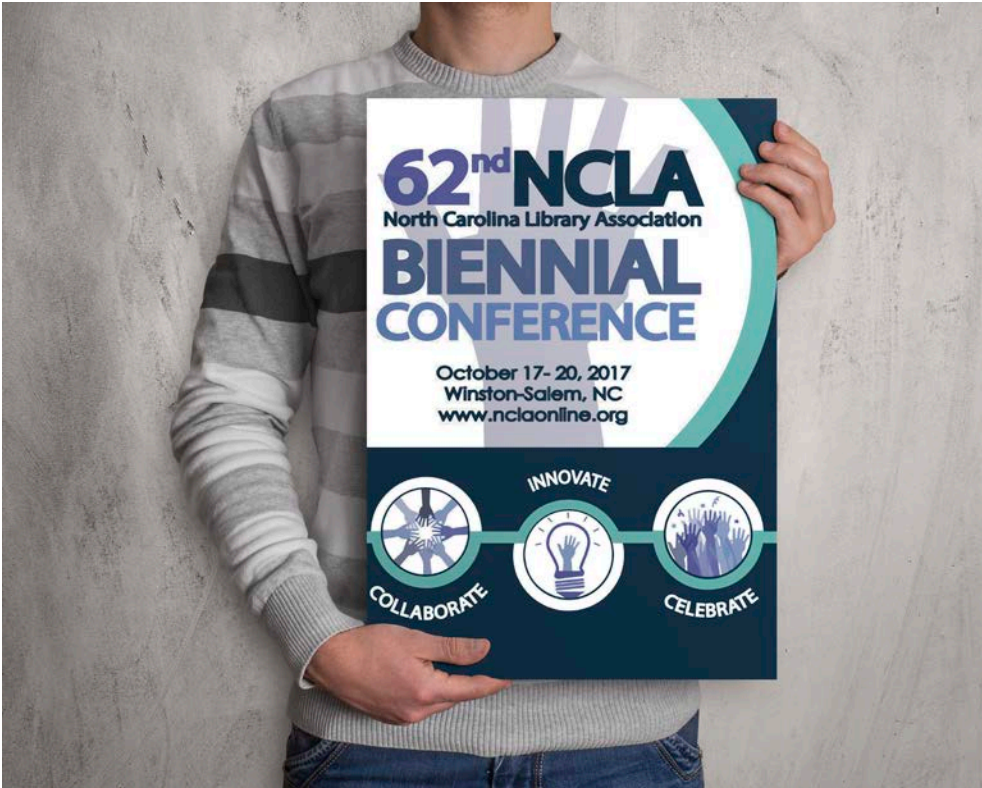


Historic Oakwood Cemetery: A History in Pictures

Book Talk! August 12, 11:00 AM. The State Library’s N.C. Government & Heritage Library and the State Archives of North Carolina are collaborating with Oakwood Cemetery’s Robin Simonton and Bruce Miller for a discussion honoring the August release of the new title, *Historic Oakwood Cemetery*! Just a few blocks from the Archives & History/State Library building, Oakwood Cemetery is beautiful and historic, and the resting place of soldiers, politicians, educators, clergy, social activists, laborers and more! Join us!



Captions (L-R): Tactile Art Tour, Anna Yount, Jaime Laughter, Historic Oakwood Cemetery Book.



Around the State

Getting Ready For NCLA

The North Carolina Library Association (NCLA) is preparing for their 62nd NCLA Biennial Conference to be held October 17 - 20, 2017 in Winston-Salem, NC. Library Development Consultant Amanda Johnson is a member of the Planning Committee which is actively meeting for the October conference.

Site Visits

Library Development site visits were made to and Braswell Memorial Libraries.



Rhonda Griffin Caswell County's Library Director

Community Hero of the Month Rhonda Griffin

U.S. Representative Mark Walker (R-N.C.) honored Caswell County's Library Director Rhonda Griffin as the Sixth District Community Hero of the Month for June, 2017. Each month, Walker honors a constituent, business, or organization in his district for displaying extraordinary acts of service and for making a difference in the lives around them. More details [here](#).

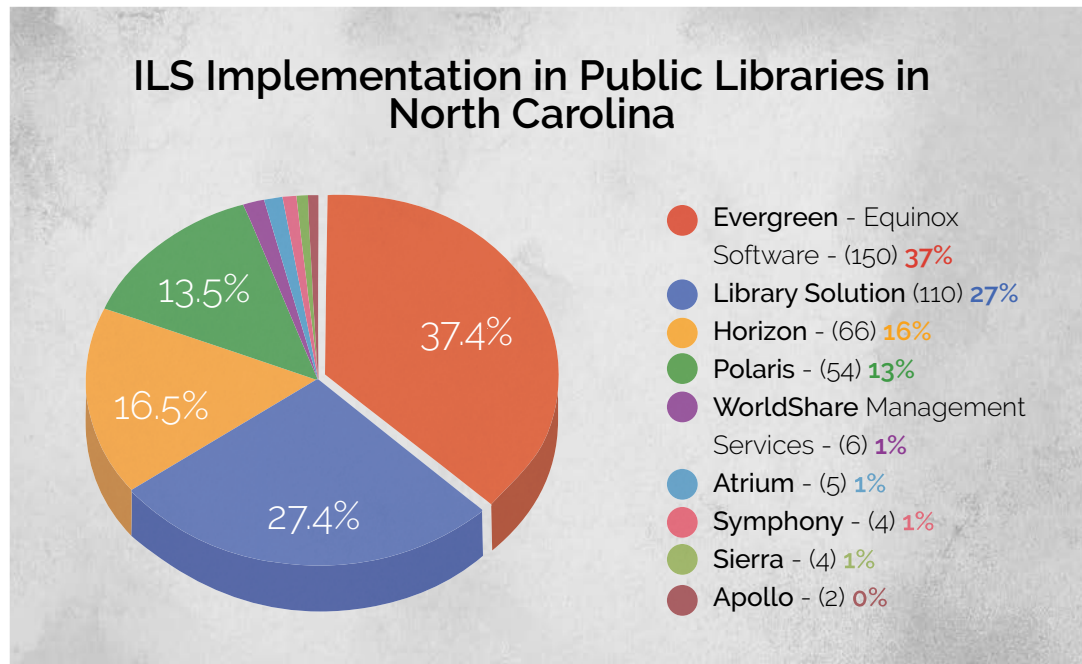
State Library Certification Commission

The State Library Certification Commission met on June 21 and reviewed 43 applications for N.C. public librarian certification. Thirty-seven (37) applications were approved and 6 applications denied.

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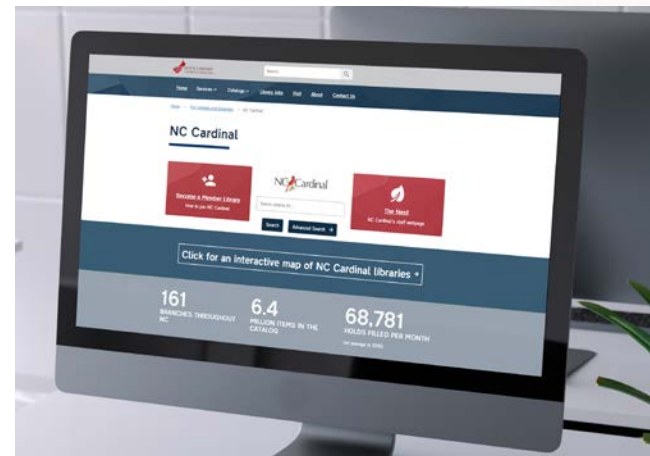
NC Cardinal is Growing Stronger!

NC Cardinal ended the FY2016-17 fiscal year with participation from 38 NC counties and 161 branch locations throughout the State. NC Cardinal is now the largest catalog system used within NC for Public Libraries.



37% of NC Public Libraries use Evergreen ILS.

Evergreen by Equinox is the Integrated Library System (ILS) used by NC Cardinal.



NC Cardinal is a consortium of public libraries in North Carolina dedicated to sharing resources and expanding opportunities, through the use of a single online catalog. NC Cardinal is a program of the State Library of North Carolina, supported by grant funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Federal Library Services and Technology Act.

What's New



Caption (L-R): State Librarian Cal Shepard, First Lady Kristen Cooper, Chapel Hill Public Library Director Susan Brown, Deputy Secretary Staci Meyer

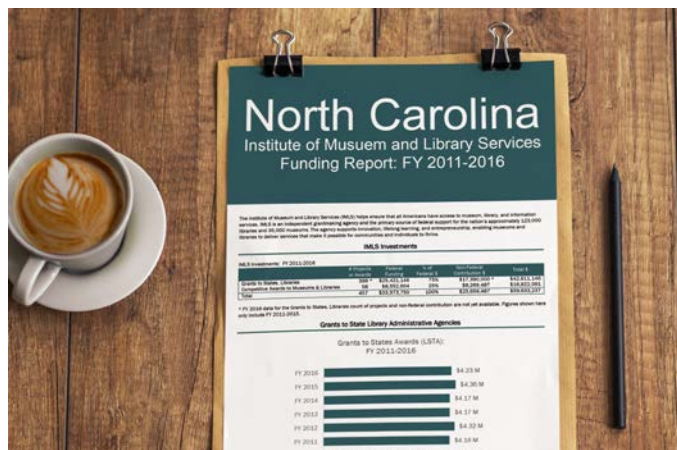
The First Lady, Kristen Cooper, held a press conference on Thursday, June 8 at the Chapel Hill Public Library to announce this year's Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants.



Caption: First Lady Kristen Cooper

Library Development awards these grants exclusively to libraries for specific projects that will make significant impact in local communities. Themes across this year's awarded projects include pop up libraries/mobile services, workforce development, children's literacy, makerspaces that support learning, and STEM/STEAM programs and services. Grant awards total \$2,346,371 across 39 library projects. The awards range from \$5,000 to \$150,000. Raye Oldham, Federal Programs Consultant, coordinates the LSTA program. Click [here](#) to view full list of awardees.

What's New



NEW Library Services and Technology Act Five-Year Plan for 2018-2022

Federal Programs Consultant Raye Oldham finalized and submitted the new Library Services and Technology Act Five-Year Plan for 2018-2022 to the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS). This program is the largest grant program administered by IMLS and the document identifies North Carolina priorities and goals for funding libraries across the State. One note of interest: IMLS just released state-by-state reports that show the distribution of IMLS funds in each state. Click [here](#) to view North Carolina's report:

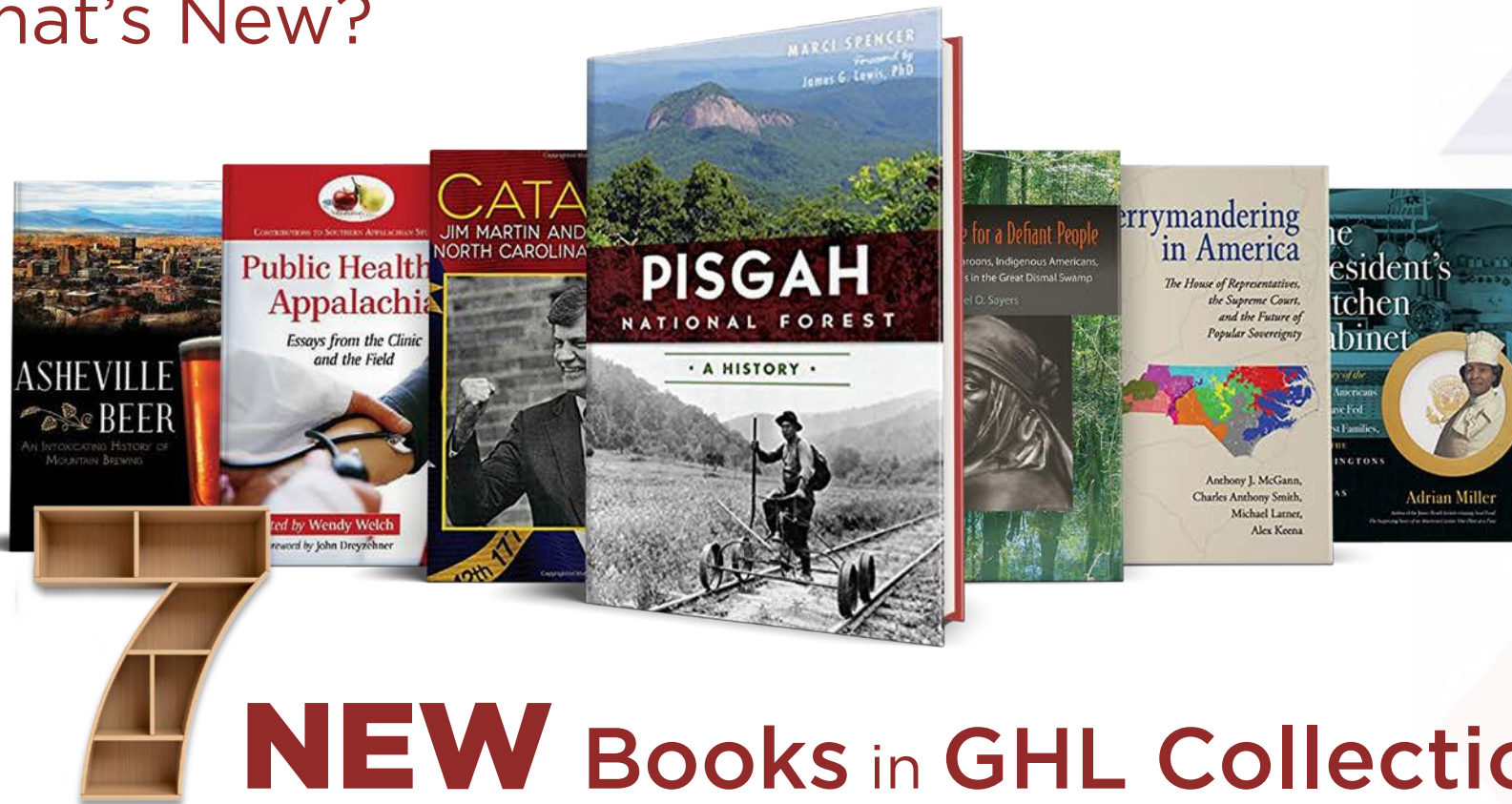


The Family Records Collection

The Family Records Collection (a collaborative project of the State Library of North Carolina and State Archives of North Carolina) has a fresh look! Check it out at [here](#) and let us know what you think! Send us feedback to digital.info@ncdcr.gov.

Launched in 2009, the Family Records Collection aids researchers in their North Carolina family history research by compiling full text searchable digital or digitized materials from both State Archives and State Library, including Bible Records, Marriage and Death announcements, Cemetery Records, genealogical vertical files, and a selection of family history books – all of which are browsable by family name, location, time period, and topic.

What's New?



NEW Books in GHL Collection

Asheville Beer: an Intoxicating History of Mountain Brewing by Anne Fitten Glenn.

Public Health in Appalachia: Essays from the Clinic and the Field edited by Wendy Welch.

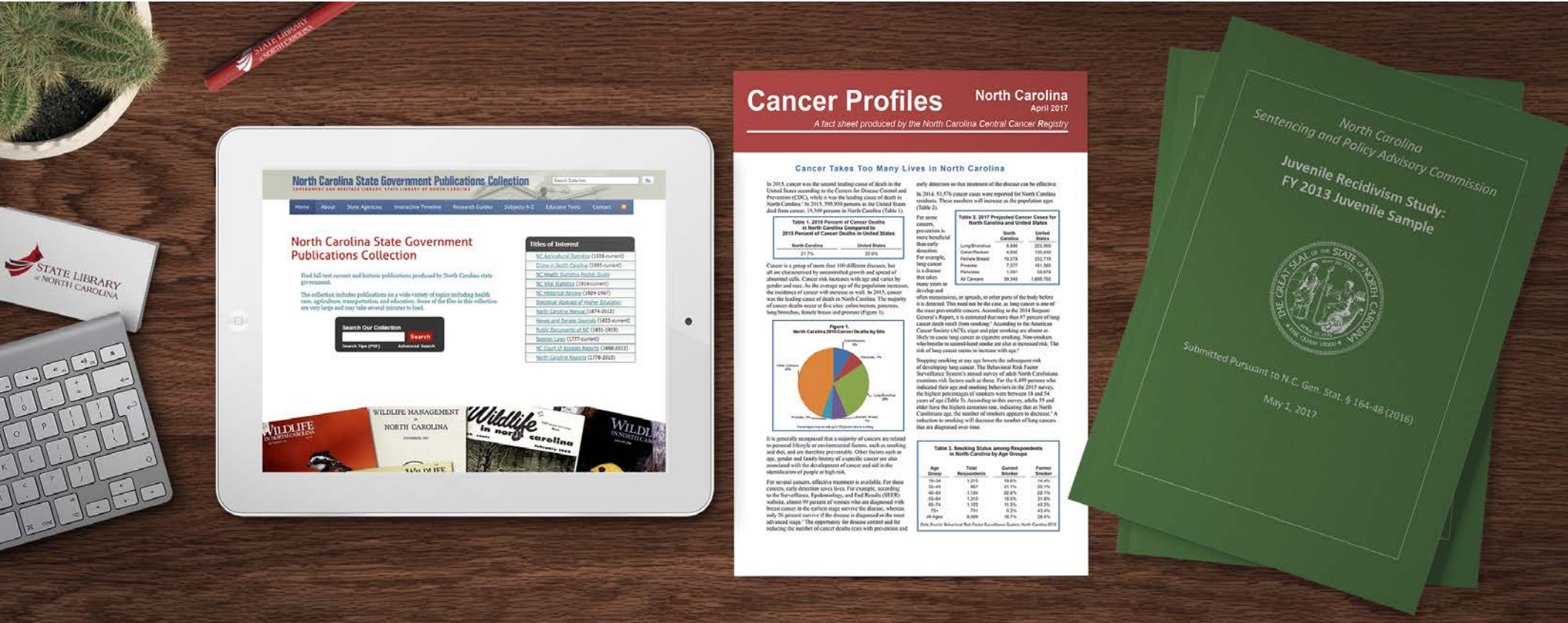
Catalyst: Jim Martin and the Rise of North Carolina Republicans by John Hood.

Pisgah National Forest: a History by Marci Spencer.

A Desolate Place for a Defiant People: the Archaeology of Maroons, Indigenous Americans, and Enslaved Laborers in the Great Dismal Swamp by Daniel O. Sayers.

Gerrymandering in America: the House of Representatives, the Supreme Court, and the Future of Popular Sovereignty by Anthony J. McGann, Charles Anthony Smith, Michael Latner, and Alex Keena.

The President's Kitchen Cabinet: the Story of the African Americans Who Have Fed Our First Families From the Washingtons to the Obamas by Adrian Miller.



NEW North Carolina State Government Publications!

Cancer News: April 2017 issue View [here](#)

North Carolina State Transportation Map (available in print and digital) View [here](#)

Juvenile Recidivism Study: FY 2013 Juvenile Sample

The History of North Carolina Courts

Effectiveness of Programs Funded by Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils

Staff Out and About



Schools, Health & Libraries Broadband Coalition's (SHLB) Conference, John Windhausen, SHLB Executive Director speaking.

Connecting in North Carolina, DC, and Chicago

State Library staff members Cal Shepard, State Librarian; Tanya Prokrym, Library Development Director; and Raye Oldham, Federal Programs Consultant attended the annual board meeting of the Digital Heritage Center on June 9 in Chapel Hill. Board members heard a report of the center's activities over the past year and discussed issues such as strategic planning and sustainability.

Cal Shepard attended the American Library Association Conference in Chicago June 23-26 where she held meetings and attended programs.

Jeffrey Hamilton, Technology Consultant attended the Schools, Health, & Libraries Broadband (SHLB) Coalition's Seventh Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. from May 31 – June 2, 2017. Presentations covered topics such as digital inclusion, e-rate and fiber workshops, building community partnerships, closing the homework gap as well as tips for broadband planning for communities.



Kelly Agan leading workshop.

Exploring North Carolina Digitally with NCpedia

N.C. Government & Heritage Library and the North Carolina School Library Media Association at the High Point Museum. Kelly Agan, Digital Projects Librarian and Rebecca Hyman, Education and Outreach Librarian led this hands-on workshop. Attendees explored NCpedia, the NC Digital Collections, the N.C. Digital Heritage Center, and other North Carolina related sites from libraries and archives across the state. Attendees learned more about these resources and explored how they could be used in the classroom or media center. Lesson plans were developed to test and share.

Staff Out and About



And the Most Popular North Carolina State Symbol is...



Caption (L-R): Michael Millner, Systems Support Librarian and Elizabeth Hayden, Reference Supervisor at Meet Your State Symbols event.

The N.C. Government & Heritage Library exhibited at the "Meet Your State Symbols" event at the North Carolina State Capitol on June 17th. Attendees voted for their favorite North Carolina state symbol when visiting our table. Hands down, the most popular state symbol by event attendees is the Eastern Box Turtle (the North Carolina State Reptile!) Congratulations to Eastern Box Turtles across the state!



Chat With A Librarian

Ask GHL (Government & Heritage Library) chat reference service is now available Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM!

Social Media



Another Reason to Celebrate Hump Day: #WWIWednesday

This summer several North Carolina institutions are teaming up to share World War I history through Twitter! Every Wednesday from June through August, they will post information about items from their collections using the hashtag #WWIWednesday. Take a look, or join in with your own tweets!

The groups taking part include:

- State Archives of North Carolina (@NCArchives)
- State Library's Government & Heritage Library (@ncpedia)
- NC Digital Heritage Center (@ncdhc)
- Wilson Library (@WilsonLibUNC) at the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill
- North Carolina Collection (@NCCollection) at UNC Chapel Hill

Top State Library Blog Posts for June 2017

Government & Heritage Library Blog

1,115 sessions, 1,554 page views, 1,043 users

NC Digital Collection Updates 385 views

Meet Your North Carolina State Symbols! 309 views

Tip of the Week: Using Sanborn Maps 141 views

Library Development Blog

838 sessions, 2,447 page views, 645 users

LSTA Recipients Announced! 226 views

Monthly Report: April 2017 192 views

Help Us Map Broadband Access Across NC! 181 views

Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped Blog

200 page views, 13 users

Adult Summer Reading Suggestions... 23 views

10 Most Wanted Books: June 2017 13 views

Summer Reading Suggestions: Satire... 9 views

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 part of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources and is currently made up of three parts:

N.C. Government & Heritage Library (GHL)

Provides print and digital information about North Carolina, as well as history, government, genealogy, and statistical research expertise.

Library Development (LD)

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

Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped (LBPH)

Serves blind and physically handicapped readers, through a wide range of books and magazines in print, braille, and audio formats.



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