



**State Library of North Carolina**  
Monthly Report  
December 2017

***Around the State***

The State Library offered Basic Book Repair workshops in Hickory and Chapel Hill, NC with hands-on instruction by Craig Fansler from Wake Forest University. Also offered was training on “How to Find and Hire Magical People” presented by John Formica in Lenoir, NC.

***What's new?***

**NC Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH) VIP Book Discussion now available as blog post.**

The library is now videotaping our VIP Book Discussion, making it available on our website as a blog post. This is our first step in making our book discussions available statewide.

**NC Cardinal Cataloging Best Practices**

The NC Cardinal project published new Cataloging Best Practices documentation in December. The documentation is available via NC Cardinal's helpdesk portal in a redesigned, searchable Knowledge Book format which can be viewed online at:

<http://nccardinalsupport.org/index.php?pg=kb.printer.friendly&id=3>

NC Cardinal's Cataloging Committee members have been working diligently throughout 2017 with the help of Dr. Sonia Archer-Capuzzo from UNC-Greensboro to evaluate, reformulate, and expand cataloging best practices documentation and develop training for the consortium. Cataloging staff at Cardinal libraries across the State will use this documentation and training to provide consistent cataloging of materials, which in turn will facilitate a patron's ability to find those materials in Cardinal's shared catalog.

**Chat reference service coming to NCpedia.org mid-January**

Chat reference service from the N.C. Government & Heritage Library is coming soon to NCpedia! Currently, visitors to the N.C. Government & Heritage Library's web pages can ask questions via chat during normal business hours. Beginning in mid-January, the chat reference service will be available through NCpedia.org as well. To gauge interest in the service, chat was available in NCpedia for a two-week testing period in December and proved very popular. 360 reference inquiries were received during that time! In contrast, an additional 11 inquiries came in through the N.C. Government & Heritage Library's main web pages. We look forward to assisting visitors to NCpedia via the chat reference service!

**All of the Top Five articles in NCpedia for 2017 come to us from the NC Museum of History's *Tar Heel Junior Historian!***

Take a look our most visited NCpedia articles for 2017:

1. "Women in the 1920s in North Carolina": 133,453 pageviews - <https://www.ncpedia.org/history/20th-Century/1920s-women>  
From the Tar Heel Junior Historian, NC Museum of History
2. "American Indians at European Contact": 127,858 pageviews - <https://www.ncpedia.org/history/early/contact>  
From the Tar Heel Junior Historian, NC Museum of History
3. "WWI: Technology and the weapons of war": 126,403 pageviews - <https://www.ncpedia.org/wwi-technology-and-weapons-war>  
From the Tar Heel Junior Historian, NC Museum of History
4. "Reasons behind the Revolutionary War": 104,476 pageviews - [www.ncpedia.org/history/usrevolution/reasons](http://www.ncpedia.org/history/usrevolution/reasons)  
From the Tar Heel Junior Historian, NC Museum of History
5. "Sports in the 1920s": 56,226 pageviews - [www.ncpedia.org/sports/golden-age-sports](http://www.ncpedia.org/sports/golden-age-sports)  
From the Tar Heel Junior Historian, NC Museum of History

### **Featured new North Carolina state government publications!**

Propelling North Carolina's Economy Through Aviation -

<http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/ref/collection/p16062coll9/id/334499>

E-cigarettes 101: a factsheet - <http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/ref/collection/p16062coll9/id/334450>

North Carolina Pre-kindergarten Program evaluation: key findings (2002-2016) -

<http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/ref/collection/p16062coll9/id/321443>

In prison: serving a felony sentence in North Carolina (print only) -

<http://ghl.nccardinal.org/eq/opac/record/10554371?locg=328>

### **Titles of Note in the Government & Heritage Library collection**

- *Bound in Wedlock: Slave and Free Black Marriage in the Nineteenth Century*
- *Doctrine and Race: African American Evangelicals and Fundamentalism Between the Wars*
- *The Hamlet Fire: A Story of Cheap Food, Cheap Government, and Cheap Lives*
- *The Price for Their Pound of Flesh: The Value of the Enslaved, from Womb to Grave, in the Building of a Nation*
- *Slavery in Wilkes County, North Carolina*
- *Rail Depots of Eastern North Carolina*

### **Upcoming events**

NC Cardinal is implementing a large-scale cataloging training and assessment program in 2018. Beginning in February, member library staff who perform item and bibliographic cataloging can begin taking assessments and participate in training workshops across the State conducted by Dr. Sonia Archer-Capuzzo, professor at UNC Greensboro.

In late February, NC Cardinal is migrating to a new hosting provider Mobius for NC Cardinal. MOBIUS is a consortium of libraries in the midwest that began in 1998. (See

<https://mobiusconsortium.org/>) They host their own version of “NC Cardinal”, which consists of 66 academic libraries, 6 public libraries, 3 special libraries, and the Missouri State Library, serving a total of 192 physical branches.

### ***Staff Out and About***

Library Development Consultants attended the North Carolina Public Library Directors Association (NCPLDA) meeting in December. Consultants were able to engage with their assigned Library Directors and participate in discussions concerning NC public libraries.

Jasmine Rockwell, Youth Services Consultant, and Tanya Prokrym, Director of Library Development, visited Henderson County Public Library and specifically their Fletcher branch. The Fletcher branch has exceeded their physical space and the branch is targeted for expansion in the future.

Data Analysis and Communications Consultant Amanda Johnson attended the State Data Coordinators conference in Phoenix, Arizona.

Jeffrey Hamilton, Adult Services Consultant, and Tanya Prokrym visited Neuse Regional Library in Kinston. The regional library is currently interviewing to replace their current Library Director who is retiring during Summer 2018.

### ***Compliments and Kudos!***

To the Government & Heritage Library:

“Thank you guys for all your help! I could camp out here for a month. All of the staff are so very helpful! Thank you.” – A visiting patron from California

### ***Social media***

NCLBPH: 14 Users, 328 Page Views

Top Three Blog posts:

1. 10 Most Wanted Books - December 2017 - 34 views
2. VIP Book Club Podcast - The Woods - 13 views
3. Tar Heel Talk Fall/Winter 2017 is now Live on our website - 9 views

The Government & Heritage Library blog is on hiatus. It will relaunch, bigger and better, this Spring!