What’s New

The Government & Heritage Library’s Grand Opening was on June 1!

It was a hit! We appreciated everyone who came out to tour, partake in some NC-loved treats, snap a photo with the NC themed photo booth props, play NC monopoly, and more. Special thanks go to David Cecelski for his talk, “Voices of the Past: Stories from the State Library.” If you missed it, you may view it at https://youtu.be/ZweN2DOVeMM.

The Oakwood Second Line Band also provided music and entertainment during the event! Check out this wonderful clip of highlights from their performance at https://youtu.be/3BNoO3XcDx4.

We also appreciate the NC Museum of History for coming with their Wheel of History to share North Carolina trivia with attendees.

CAPTIONS L-R: Patrons enjoying the music of the Oakwood Second Line Band | Michelle Underhill, Director of the Government & Heritage Library providing an introduction for the night’s festivities | David Cecelski during his presentation | Trumpeter of the Historic Oakwood Second Line Band | Refreshments featuring southern favorites, local honey and jam | Stacey Smith, Adult Education Programs Coordinator / Internship Coordinator and B.J. Davis, Education Sector Chief during the NC Museum of History pop-up

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LSTA Update

The State Library awarded 53 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants for local library projects for 2018-2019. The awards total over $2.6 million and will support projects that advance excellence and promote equity by strengthening capacity, expanding access, and community engagement in North Carolina’s libraries. The full list is available here.

The 2019-2020 LSTA Annual Program Plan, grant guidelines, and application information will be announced in September.
New Staff Meet & Greet
On June 6, the State Library held a Meet & Greet event to welcome the following staff:

HBCU Interns
Kyle Porter; Adreonna Simmons

Library Development (LD)
Courtney Brown, NC Cardinal Systems Librarian; Lynda Reynolds, Public Library Management Consultant; Jasmine Rockwell, Youth Services Consultant

Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped (LBPH)
Demetrius McCalop-Spotts, Receptionist / Admin

Government & Heritage Library (GHL)
Stephen Ashley, User Experience Librarian; Jennifer Blomberg, Collection Development Librarian & Supervisor; Rebecca Forbes, Cataloging Librarian
Staff Out & About

Something for everyone: PDA (it’s not what you think) and family history!

The State Archives of North Carolina hosted a Speakers Forum with the NC Genealogical Society on Saturday, June 23. Kelly Eubank presented one session on “Personal Digital Archives (PDA) and the Family Historian: An Introduction to Personal Digital Archives.”

Rebecca Hyman co-presented with Ashley Yandle of the State Archives on “North Carolina Family History Lives Online: Free Resources to Broaden Your Research.”

Kudos sent via the Government & Heritage Library Chat Reference:

This is amazing information!! It really helped me with my class assignment!

CAPTIONS L-R: Kelly Agan, Head of Content & Information Delivery | Rebecca Hyman, Reference / Outreach Librarian
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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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