Upcoming Events

Management and Leadership Skills for New(er) Managers and Supervisors
September 24, 2018, 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Patrick Beaver
Memorial Library, Hickory, NC

Whether you want a refresher of the basics or are looking for new and different ways to manage and lead others in your organization, this interactive workshop, presented by Andrew Sanderbeck, helps supervisors and managers to grow their management and leadership skills fast.

From Rogachev to Raleigh: Discovering Immigrant Roots
October 10, 2018, 2:00 p.m. | North Carolina Government & Heritage Library, Raleigh, NC

Learn how librarian Barbara Freedman uncovered her immigrant roots from Rogachev, Belarus and found some surprises along the way. Ms. Freedman will discuss the genealogical resources and methodologies she used to...

This program is part of Becoming American, a series of documentary screenings, discussions, and programs exploring and celebrating America’s immigration history, presented by Wake County Public Libraries.

Where the Sidewalk Ends

**October 13, 2018, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** | Charlotte
Mecklenburg Library Beatties Ford Branch, Charlotte, NC

On October 13, Where the Sidewalk Ends will explore the many ways people with visual and physical disabilities can enjoy access to America’s parks, monuments, and trails.

Register by Friday, October 5 at https://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/lbph/eventsprograms/registration or email nclbph@ncdcr.gov.

Data Day

**October 24, 2018, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** | State Library Auditorium, Raleigh, NC

Learn how to access useful, timely demographic data from the US Census Bureau and the North Carolina State Data Center.

Speakers will include Bob Coats, Governor’s Census Liaison and Michele Hayslett, Numeric Data Services and Data Management Librarian at UNC Chapel Hill. Join us onsite to meet the speakers! If you cannot make it, the event will be livestreamed at: https://bit.ly/2Kezyh7.
What’s New

NCLBPH + NC Museum of Art Tactile Tours

NCLBPH (North Carolina Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped) teamed up for the 4th year with NC Museum of Art to provide tactile tours to library patrons. The response was so great that two tours were scheduled, one on August 14 and one on August 15, to accommodate the 37 attendees. Beth Shaw McGuire, Coordinator of Tours and Docent Education, led a tour and also arranged for several museum docents to lead tours.

Participants split up into smaller groups and wore gloves to touch sculptures, ranging from ancient Roman sarcophagi, to statues of famous 18th and 19th century Americans, to works by French sculptor Auguste Rodin and more modern sculptures. Docents also provide participants with detailed audio descriptions of the museum’s painting collection. Response to the tours was very positive. Some attended previous tactile tours and enjoyed them so much that they returned for more.

NCLBPH + NC State Parks

In a display of synergy, the partnership between the NCLBPH and NC State Parks is developing into much more. As a result of an email request to other park superintendents, Kelly King of the Haw River State Park discovered that there is a great deal of interest in serving special populations. Not only did the library get a couple of excellent re-

CAPTIONS T-B: Patrons listening to a docent during a guided tactile tour  |  A patron explores the surface of a bronze statue during a guided tactile tour
ferral sites for our resources directory, but it motivated the different park superintendents to recognize that the North Carolina State Parks need to take a more proactive stance in serving special populations. The Library for the Blind has been asked to serve as a resource, something it will be happy to do.

**NCLBPH 60th Anniversary Celebration Postponed**

The NCLBPH 60th Anniversary Celebration has been postponed due to Hurricane Florence. Stay tuned for updates on a new date and time!

**The Center for the Book has Moved!**

The NC Humanities Council is now coordinating and managing the following initiatives:

- Let’s Talk About It
- Gilbert Chappell Distinguished Poet Series
- National Book Festival
- Route 1 Reads
- Letters about Literature

The State Library will maintain a close partnership with the Humanities Council, providing general funding for the Center for the Book and shipping logistics for the Let’s Talk About It program. Caitlin Patton (704-687-1521; cpatton@nchumanities.org) is now the Humanities Council’s primary coordinator. Caitlin and Tanya Prokrym (Director of Library Development) worked together at this year’s National Book Festival and celebrated the transfer of the Center.
3 Titles of Note in the Government & Heritage Library Collection:


3. *Sanctifying Slavery and Politics in South Carolina: The Life of Alexander Garden, 1685-1756* by Fred E. Witzig

Search the GHL Collection via the NC Cardinal catalog - Click here to explore these titles and resources available through the Government and Heritage Library’s collection.
Staff Out & About

#EverythingNC for Homeschoolers
Jen Hanft and Rebecca Hyman of the Government & Heritage Library presented “#EverythingNC for Homeschoolers” at the Durham County Homeschool Resource Fair on August 9. They also made information about the Government & Heritage Library’s resources for homeschooling parents available via a table at the event.

Union County Public School District Kickoff
Jen Hanft joined the State Archives’ Ashley Yandle at the Union County Public School’s District Kickoff event. They presented “GPS (Getting into Primary Sources): Navigating online research.” The talk introduced tools and strategies for finding, evaluating, and using primary sources in the classroom. A new research guide was created to compliment the talk and is available at http://statelibrary.ncdcr.libguides.com/primarysources.

Library Development Pre-Conference Workshop
Library Development Consultants hosted a pre-conference workshop at the North Carolina Public Library Directors Association in August. The themes of the workshop were collaboration, empathy mapping, and iterative design. Consultants Lauren Clossey, Amanda Johnson, Jeffrey Hamilton, Benjamin Murphy, Johnnie Pippin, Catherine Prince, Lynda Reynolds, and Jasmine Rockwell hosted.

Compliments + Kudos
I have to say that this program has gotten me stirred up to see how we can do more for these and other special populations, but even more surprising is how many of my fellow rangers and superintendents are saying the same thing. I see some good works coming out of this and I can’t thank you enough for you reaching out to NC State Parks.

-Kelley King, NC State Parks
6 TOP BLOG POSTS
STATE LIBRARY
AUGUST 2018

Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped Blog

15 Users | 257 Page Views

10 Most Wanted Books - August 2018 21 views
BARD Roundup - July 2018 top 10 audio downloads 13 views
Tar Heel Talk Summer 2018 9 views

Library Development Blog

926 Users | 3,073 Page Views

Job Opportunity: Digital Inclusion Librarian 103 views
Free Learning Opportunities in August 98 views
Biennial Retreat: “Youth-Centered, Library Focused.” 70 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.