

Libraries



From the President

Here we are in the dead of winter when things seem to be moving at a much slower pace, but in libraries things never slow down. It may be that things are even busier in your library right now since people are spending more time inside enjoying the materials you provide.

The same is true with NCLA. The activity doesn't slow down at all. Committees continue to meet, and sections and roundtables are busy making preparations for the sessions they will host at the November biennial conference. The conference committee is "moving into high gear" to get as much work done now as possible. If you would like to volunteer to help with any activity of the association, please let somebody know. The easiest way to make your interests known is to call the office at 919-839-NCLA. Martha Fonville will be happy to let the right person know of your willingness to be of help.

As I begin thinking about the November 13-15 biennial conference, I want to share with you how special our going to High Point will be. It may not be as convenient as some of the big convention centers we have visited, but it is certainly going to be exciting. We will be visiting one of the "seats" of economic history in North Carolina. In fact, the convention center is a remodeled furniture factory that is listed on the National Register of Historic Sites. A lot of the original furniture-making equipment is still in place. We will also have the opportunity to visit some of the furniture showrooms that are usually open only to dealers. What better place to come together to show off our knowledge, invite others to share their knowledge with us, and visit with our colleagues from across the state. I hope you are making your plans now to be part of this event that will be important to North Carolina library history.

Another important event in the history and future of libraries for our state and nation will happen in February. The delegates elected at the regional sessions of the Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information Services will meet on February 6 in Raleigh. If you don't know who the delegates from your region are, please take time to find out their names and drop them a note to

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let them know what you think are the important issues to be considered in setting future policies for libraries. They will go forward to the State conference with the resolutions that were endorsed at each of the regional meetings and the information they gather between now and then. Help them by providing your thinking on libraries.

Remember, also, sixteen delegates will be from the February conference to carry the resolutions from North Carolina to the White House Conference in July. These sixteen will also need our support. Don't let the enthusiasm that started in the regional conferences wane.

Barbara Baker, President

Over to You

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Congratulations on an exceptional Summer 1990 issue focusing on public documents, a source of information overlooked by too many librarians. All of the articles in this issue were informative and interesting.

The one subject noticeably missing from this issue was that of municipal and county documents. Surely there must be a library somewhere in North Carolina which has a special collection of documents issued by municipal and county agen-

cies. An article describing such a collection should be of considerable interest both to librarians with a proclivity toward documents of this genre and to researchers in this field.

I look forward to more issues equalling the quality of the Summer issue in the years ahead.

Sincerely yours,

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