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From the President

Just six months until our biennial conference! The enthusiasm is building within the organization and the profession for the nationally known presenters that will be in High Point November 12-15. I hope you have already marked those days on your calendar.

An interesting feature of the conference will be a Wednesday morning session for potential leaders for the association and libraries. If you have an interest in being more involved, plan to attend the session to learn more about leadership skills and the North Carolina Library Association.

Thanks to all of you who have participated in three significant activities for libraries during the past few months - the Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information Services, the state Legislative Day, and the national Legislative Day. Each of these activities will make a difference for libraries in the future.

I look forward to participating in the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services in July and hope you will offer your support to all sixteen delegates and alternates who were chosen at the Governor's Conference. You will be hearing more about the delegates and the sixteen resolutions that will be going forward from North Carolina to the White House Conference. Let the delegates know what you think!

There are other exciting things happening in the not-too-distant future. First, North Carolina will host the fall 1994 conference of the Southeastern Library Association in Charlotte. Even though 1994 is a non-conference year for us, I foresee a lot of participation by North Carolina library personnel. Think about what you would like to do to help. Charlotte and other cities across the southeast were in the running for the opportunity to host the conference. We should all be proud of the proposal made by Charlotte and the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County that attracted the attention of the Executive Board of the Southeastern Library Association.

Secondly, members of our paraprofessional round table, the North Carolina Library Paraprofessional Association, have attracted national attention. Members participated in ALA committee meetings at the January Midwinter Meeting and will showcase their round table in a poster session at the July convention in Atlanta. Show your support by dropping by the poster session. This kind of initiative may lead to more paraprofessional participation in ALA and other state associations. Congratulations NCLPA!

There is always a lot going on with libraries in North Carolina. I cannot repeat it often enough - please get involved. The North Carolina Library Association needs you. Call 919 839-6252 for more information.

Barbara Baker, President