

From the Editor's Desk

This issue of *North Carolina Libraries* completes seven years of publication under one editor. It is a time for change, a time to move on to other pursuits, a time to say thank you and goodbye.

We are pleased to announce to the membership of the North Carolina Library Association that Dr. Jonathan Lindsey, librarian at Meredith College in Raleigh, has been appointed your journal's new editor. His responsibilities will begin with the next issue.

The Executive Board of the North Carolina Library Association has decided to make a change in the way your journal's editorial board operates. Jonathan Lindsey will be telling you more about this. We feel that the change should bring with it some marked improvement in the quality of your journal. Henceforth the Editorial Board will be composed of representatives from each of the sections of the Association. It will be somewhat larger than the old board, and it should be more effective in gathering the information which keeps a journal such as ours alive. The choice of Jonathan Lindsey as the new editor is, in our estimation, an excellent one.

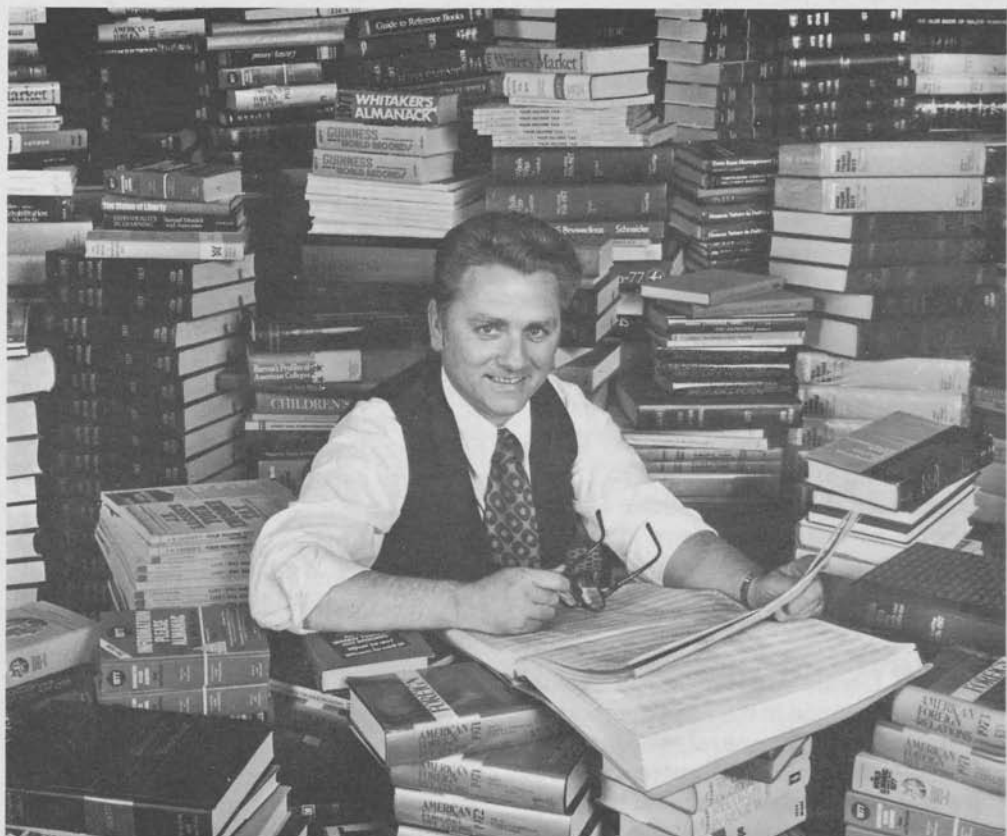
Times of departure can be difficult — everyone knows that. We always feel that there is so much that needs to be said, and yet the right words do not come to mind. In their stead come myriad thoughts in overwhelming numbers which refuse to allow themselves to be focused. Yet we must try in this parting statement to say a few things to our readership.

We are pleased with the contribution to the written record of librarianship in North Carolina which *North Carolina Libraries* has made over the past seven years. These years have been fulfilling. They have seen their share of hard work, but for the most part they have been more fun than anything.

We did not do anything particularly earthshaking. We have tried, however, to publish a journal which one might describe as being solid. We have tried to make it the best in the Southeast. Some say we have.

We hope you will agree that during these seven years your journal has achieved a standard of excellence in which you can take pride. We have tried to improve upon the foundation which we inherited. We have striven for dependable service, reliable periodicity, and a high quality of content. As we review the more than two dozen issues produced during this time, we believe that we are able to see progress toward each of these three goals. Certainly we are pleased to pass these improvements on to those whose responsibility the journal will now be.

The most important part of the experience has been in our relationships with people, in particular members of the Editorial Board over the years. An expression of the deepest and most heartfelt appreciation goes to each of them. It has been a genuine privilege to serve with them and to serve the North Carolina Library Association.



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