

# Report From The President

Spring, 1979



The North Carolina Media Council held its Winter Conference on January 25, and 26, 1979, in Fayetteville. The Conference theme was "Utilization of Media for Competency Achievement." This theme was developed by the keynote speaker, Dr. Donald P. Ely, Director, ERIC Research Center, Syracuse University and, each member organization was responsible for two small group concurrent sessions. The two sessions from NCLA were: "Use of Media in Public Library Outreach Programs" by Leah Barger and Trish Gwyn, Rockingham County Public Library; and "Video Outreach" by Gregg Kemp and Bill Moose, Iredell County Public Library.

Representative Mary P. Seymour has recently been appointed as Chairman of the House Public Libraries Committee.

Representative Seymour is serving her first term as Representative from the 23rd District, Guilford County. She is very much interested in building public support for libraries as exhibited by her work in the N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs and as a member of the Greensboro City Council.

I am pleased that A. Neal Smith, former Chairman will continue to serve on the House Public Libraries Committee as Vice-Chairman. Librarians in North Carolina owe Representative Smith a great deal for his dedication and support of libraries. He has been very active in the Governor's Conference on Libraries and has been a willing speaker at NCLA meetings.

At the December NCLA Executive Board Meeting, it was suggested that NCLA needs a "clearing house" for the numerous library workshops and meetings that are being scheduled in the State. I volunteered to keep a calendar of the dates of various meetings, workshops, events, etc. If you have dates to report or clear, please call or write my office: Greensboro Public Schools, Drawer V, Greensboro, N. C. 27402. Telephone (919) 378-9981. Ext. 258. Hopefully this will enable us to avoid conflicting dates.

Mr. Sam Boone, NCLA's representative to the ALA Copyright Subcommittee, attended the first meeting on January 9, 1979, at the ALA Mid-winter meeting in Washington. The chairman described the committee's purpose and organization and three speakers presented views on copyright and the five-year review. Forms were distributed for librarians to use in making suggestions to the ALA Washington Office for issues to be studied for the five year review. These forms are available from Mr. Boone, UNC Library, Chapel Hill, N. C. 27514.

I am looking forward to the NCLA Spring Workshop on March 30 and 31 in Chapel Hill. The Executive Board will meet for dinner on Friday night March 30 at the Carolina Inn. All committees will meet on Saturday morning in Manning Hall followed by a general session for committee reports. I appreciate the work of committees during the biennium and particularly thank the committees for working on the Handbook revision. Mr. Fred Roper and the School of Library Science are very generous to make arrangements for us in Chapel Hill.

The Nominating Committee has completed the ballot for NCLA officers. It will be mailed to the membership by May 1 and should be returned no later than June 1 to Dr. Gene Lanier, Chairman, Nominating Committee, Department of Library Science, ECU, Greenville, N. C. 27834.

The 1979 NCLA Biennial Conference will be held on October 17-20 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel/Charlotte Civic Center, Charlotte. As Vice-President/President Elect, Mr. H. William O'Shea is in charge of the program. If you have program suggestions or need to schedule a meeting, please contact Mr. O'Shea, Wake County Public Library, 104 Fayetteville Street, Raleigh, N. C. 27601. (919) 755-6077. Mr. Arial A. Stephens, Public Library of Charlotte, Charlotte, N. C. 28202, (704) 374-2530, is General Conference Chairman.

I am pleased to welcome Dr. Jonathan A. Lindsey as our new Editor of *North Carolina Libraries*. This is his first issue.

*Leonard Johnson*  
NCLA President



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