

North Carolina Library Association Biennial Reports

The President

As this biennium comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Executive Board and committee members for their help and support. During the past two years the Association has been involved in many programs and activities. The following are some of the highlights:

- The first Governor's Conference on Libraries was held on October 19-21, 1978. Two outcomes of the Conference were the resolutions and the election of delegates to the White House Conference.
- Representatives of NCLA participated in the annual Legislative Day(s) in Washington (April of 1978 and 1979). The District of Columbia Library Association sponsors this day to give librarians from across the nation the opportunity to meet their legislators and acquaint them with library programs and needs.
- Dr. Jonathan A. Lindsey, Head Librarian, Carlyle Campbell Library, Meredith College was appointed as editor of *North Carolina Libraries*. Dr. Lindsey has outstanding qualifications and is doing an excellent job. NCLA owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Herbert Poole who served as editor for seven successful years.
- NCLA worked out an arrangement with the State Library so that each NCLA member will receive "Tar Heel Libraries". Alberta Smith, editor of "Tar Heel Libraries" and Jonathan Lindsey, editor of *N. C. Libraries* will coordinate the articles/items, news, etc., so that the publications will compliment each other.
- The ten sections of NCLA are to be congratulated on their numerous activities programs and conferences.
- Some gains were made in the State Legislature. The State now allots a library position for every school in N. C. that enrolls 250 or more students. The Public Library Certification Commission was retained and there were gains in funding for materials and personnel.
- The "North Carolina Media Council: A Council of Educational Media Organizations" was organized on March 18, 1978. NCLA was one of the charter members of the group. The objective of the Council is to explore avenues of cooperation among the various media organizations in the State.
- At the Executive Board Meeting on September 1, 1979 the question was raised as to whether NCLA should endorse North Carolina's ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. The Board decided that this question should be resolved by a mailed ballot to each member of the Association and that time for discussion should be provided at the NCLA Biennial Conference. This matter was discussed at the Conference and the mailed ballot will follow.

- The 1979 NCLA Biennial Conference in Charlotte, October 17-20 was very successful. Mr. H. William O'Shea, vice-president/president elect (program chairman); Mr. Ariel Stephens, general conference chairman; Mrs. Mary Frances Crymes, chairman for local arrangements; and the other conference committee members are to be commended. The 1981 NCLA Biennial Conference will be held in Charlotte and will be a joint conference with the South Carolina Library Association.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as President of the North Carolina Library Association for the past two years. There are many people that I need to thank, but I would particularly like to acknowledge Mr. Richard Barker's contribution to the Association. He has served as treasurer of NCLA for the past 9 years. I am looking forward to serving on the NCLA Board with our new president, Mr. H. William O'Shea.

Leonard Johnson



NCLA Executive Board, 1977-79.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES SECTION

The Children's Services Section of the North Carolina Library Association met at the Civic Center in Charlotte on October 19, 1979, during the Association convention.

Gail Terwilliger, Chairman, opened the business session. Minutes from the October 7, 1977, meeting were read and approved, and a balance of \$1,047.47 in the treasury was reported.

Gail outlined changes in the composition of the Executive Committee resulting from Chairman Christopher Barr-Lindsay's resignation. Cate Howard, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced the nominations of Dottie Butler and Joe Stines for Chairman-Elect and Nancy Coleman and Mary Lou Rakow for Secretary-Treasurer. Printed ballots were distributed to the membership for voting. Rebecca Taylor, Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, read the proposed revisions to the By-Laws. These were discussed and voted on separately. All were approved.

In her President's Report, Gail recognized individual contributions and summarized the activities of the section during the past two years. An upcoming project is a workshop, Media Evaluation and the Group Process, to be sponsored jointly by the Children's Services Section and U.N.C.-Chapel Hill. This will be held in Durham on April 1-2, 1980.

Two special guests in the audience were recognized by the Chairman—Jane Wilson, formerly N.C. State Library Consultant on Children's Services, and Marilyn Miller, current President of ALA's Association for Library Services to Children. Each spoke briefly to the membership.

Gail made several special announcements and urged Children's Librarians in the state to contribute program ideas and articles for the July issue of *North Carolina Libraries* which will be devoted to Children's Services. Cate Howard was introduced as Publications Editor for the section.

A moment of silent prayer was observed in memory of Kathleen Moore, former Children's Services Coordinator in Charlotte.

Gail called on Dottie Butler to introduce our speaker, Sue Ellen Bridgers of Sylva, North Carolina. Mrs. Bridgers recalled her own childhood experiences with books and libraries and gave insight into her motivations for writing as well as the genesis and growth of the characters in her novels *Home Before Dark* and *All Together Now*.

Cate Howard announced that Dottie Butler had been voted Chairman-Elect and Nancy Coleman, Secretary-Treasurer for the 1979-1981 biennium.

After the meeting was adjourned refreshments were served and Mrs. Bridgers autographed copies of her books which were on sale.

Suzanne Williams

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SECTION (N. C. CHAPTER, ACRL)

Chairman: Elvin Strowd, Duke University Library.

Vice Chairman-Chairman Elect: Tommie Young, North Carolina A and T University

Secretary: Eugene Huguelet, University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

Director: Claude Green, North Carolina State University at Elizabeth City.

During the biennium members of the Board met on three occasions to discuss matters of business and to promote the interests of the Section. Bill Tydeman, elected to the Board as Secretary, moved from the state in June, 1978. His duties were assumed by Gene Huguelet who was serving as one of the two directors.

Business conducted initially by the Board during its sessions and through telephone consultations and correspondence, revolved around the questions of chapter status for the Section in the Association of College and Research Libraries and a proposed workshop to be sponsored by the Section.

Interest in chapter status in ACRL led to the undertaking by the Board of a canvass of the membership to ascertain reaction to such a proposal. The results of the canvass provided an overwhelming return in favor of chapter status. As a result the Board petitioned ACRL for chapter status which was granted in the summer of 1978.

Planning for the workshop began during the winter of 1977-78 and again the Section's membership was canvassed to ascertain its preference for a topic. Although the response was not especially heavy it did indicate more interest than in any other area over concerns about steps taken by the Library of Congress to closing the catalog and the implications they posed for libraries across the state.

The Board appointed a committee to plan and develop the workshop which was scheduled for April 27, 1979, at Guilford College. The committee was chaired by Herbert Poole who was assisted by Bob Woerner, Nelsie Rothchild, Charles Dyer, and Treva Mathis. The workshop, "Planning for Change, a Conference on Closing the Catalog," was handled exceptionally well by this committee and was attended by one hundred thirty-five librarians. About one-third of them were our colleagues from public libraries. The two morning speakers were James Thompson, Assistant Librarian for Technical Services at Johns Hopkins University, and Jean Cook, Head of the Serials Department at Duke University. Discussion leaders for the afternoon sessions were William Gosling, Assistant University Librarian for Technical Services at Duke University, and Arlene Dowell of the North Carolina Central University Library School.

Planning for the October, 1979, session at the NCLA conference got under way in the fall of 1978 with speakers selected and committed by January, 1979. The principal speakers were political scientist Dr. James David Barber of Duke University and Dr. Julie Virgo, Executive Secretary ACRL. Dr. Barber is James B. Duke Professor of Political Science at Duke University and is a highly respected lecturer and writer in the area of national politics and especially those concerned with presidential elections. His *Presidential Character*, Prentice Hall, 1972, is now in a 1977 edition and has received a great deal of attention. With attention beginning to focus again upon presidential candidates by the time of the Conference, it was felt that Dr. Barber would be a most appropriate speaker.

It was also felt that Dr. Virgo would be a timely speaker in that it would give her a chance in her capacity as ACRL Executive Secretary to address the first full assembly of our membership since becoming a chapter of ACRL.

David Jensen was asked in April, 1979, to chair a nominating committee for the selection of officers for the 1979-81 biennium. This committee, chaired by Jensen and assisted by Jonathan Lindsey and John Heaton, composed a slate of officers with Eugene Huguelet, Vice Chairman/Chairman-Elect (U.N.C.-Wilmington), Janet Freeman, Secretary (Wingate College), Margaret

Bennett, Director, (St. Andrews College), and Bill Kirwin, Director (Western Carolina University). Dr. Tommie Young will serve as chairperson during the 1979-81 biennium.

Elvin Strowd

DOCUMENTS SECTION

At the 1977 Documents Section meeting in Winston-Salem, which featured Bernadine Hoduski, the special library assistant to the Joint Committee on Printing of the U.S. Congress, Suzanne Levy (UNC-CH) was elected vice-chairperson/chairperson-elect and Marty Reith (Forsyth County Public Library) was elected secretary-treasurer. Jean Porter (NCSU) took over from Bob Gaines (UNC-G) as chairperson for 1977/78.

Araby Greene (UNC-CH) resigned as editor of *The Docket* in January 1978 and was replaced by Elaine Lingle (WCU) who served through the summer of 1979. John Erlandson (UNC-CH) took over in September 1979 and continues to serve.

On April 27-28, 1978, the Section sponsored a workshop at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh on locating census data in printed reports. The 30 people who attended heard Deborah Barrett of the Census Data User Services Division in Alexandria, Va., and Lawrence McNutt of Charlotte, the Regional Data User Services Officer, explain the secrets of finding census data quickly and easily.

The annual fall meeting on September 22, 1978, in Raleigh, featured a panel discussion, "Prospects for Change—Publication, Distribution, and Access to North Carolina State Government Publications." Seventy-one people attended and/or participated in the discussion. Speakers included Nathaniel Boykin of the State Library, John Cheney of the Secretary of State's Office, M. Sangster Parrott of UNC-G, Carolyn Jamison of ASU, Elnora Turner of the Dept. of Human Resources Public Health Library, Mike Davis of the Dept. of Administration, Roberta Wall of NCSU, David McKay, State Librarian, Patricia Langelier, UNC-CH, Margaret Riddle of the Dept. of Administration, and Representative A. Neal Smith of Rowan County, who was chairman of the House Public Libraries Committee. At the business meeting following the program Carolyn Jamison (ASU) was elected vice-chairperson/chairperson-elect for 1978/79 and Suzanne Levy took over as chairperson. An amendment to the section constitution was passed and Ridley Kessler and Diane Strauss were appointed to compile the revised constitution.

An outgrowth of the state documents symposium was the formation of an ad-hoc committee to study the feasibility of a state documents depository/distribution system for North Carolina. Section members serving on the committee with the State Librarian are Majorie Lindsey, Nathaniel Boykin, Bob Gaines, Carolyn Jamison, Sangster Parrott and Suzanne Levy. The committee has met only once but is pleased to report the passage of House Bill 241/Senate 208 by the 1979 General Assembly. This bill gives the State Library a statutory basis for serving as the depository for publications of State departments, institutions and agencies and according to Mr. McKay is the first step in setting up a depository/distribution system for the state. It also gives a statutory basis for the distribution of a checklist, to be distributed free to all requesting libraries.

The section was able to aid several UNC-CH library school students in researching various documents topics of current interest and the results of some of this work appeared in *The Docket*. Another short term project was the distribution of a letter to all delegates to the Governors conference on Library and Information Science explaining some issues of vital importance to documents librarians. We were pleased that the delegates chose to make two policy recommendations on documents: That city, county and regional public libraries assume responsibility for making local government documents accessible to the public and for collecting and preserving other local records; That maximum accessibility to information resources such as public documents, and basic legal and medical information, be available to all citizens. They further resolved: That the North Carolina General Assembly mandate the establishment of an effective system for the collection organization, and distribution of State documents under the direction of the State Library.

A major highlight of the biennium was the receiving of the James Bennett Childs Award by our own Mary Elizabeth Poole, Documents Librarian at NCSU. It is given by ALA's Government Documents Round Table each year in recognition of outstanding contributions to the field of documents librarianship and was awarded in a ceremony June 28, 1978, at the ALA Convention in Chicago.

Fiscal year 1978/79 saw the complete inspection of all North Carolina depository libraries by the Superintendent of Documents Inspector. This is the first time in the history of the inspection process that one state has been completely inspected within a year's time. This state was one of two chosen to test the new inspection process, because our documents librarians have the reputation of being professionally competent and are reasonably well known for being outspoken advocates of good documents service.

Our final meeting of the biennium was a forum on local government publications held on October 19, 1979, at the NCLA biennial meeting at Charlotte. Speakers included Charles Martin, High Point City Budget Director, Kathy May of the High Point Public Library, Susan MacDonald, formerly Documents Librarian at Duke University, Fred Sides of the Region D Council of Governments and Rebecca Ballentine and Suzanne Levy of UNC-CH. Around 80 people attended the session and at the conclusion a recommendation was made to work with the Public Library Section to develop guidelines for local documents service in North Carolina. At the business meeting Nathaniel Boykin of the State Library was elected vice-chairperson/chairperson-elect and Barbara Fritchman, Forsyth County Public Library, was elected secretary-treasurer. Carolyn Jamison took over as chairperson and Emily Correll of Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County volunteered to serve as our representative on the Archives Committee.

Ridley Kessler (UNC-CH), the Regional Documents Librarian, Michael Cotler (ECU), the section representative on the *North Carolina Libraries* editorial board, and the various *Docket* editors have all served on the section's executive board during the biennium. Our paid membership has grown to 52 but we hope that number will continue to rise in the next biennium as we pursue the purpose stated in our constitution: the promotion of state-wide cooperation among library employees working with all types of government documents in the areas of interlibrary loan, reference, and disposing of

unwanted documents; provision of an opportunity for these people to discuss their problems and share their ideas; sponsorship of projects for increasing the use of documents, and for promoting greater bibliographic control of them.

Suzanne Levy

JUNIOR COLLEGE SECTION

The meeting of the Junior College Section of NCLA was convened during the Biennial Conference in Charlotte at 1:30 p.m. on October 18, 1979, by Carolyn Oakley, Vice-Chairperson, Chairperson-elect.

Mrs. Oakley extended Chairperson Rosalind Campbell's regrets for being unable to attend the conference.

Mrs. Oakley recognized Ms. Azalee Sain to introduce the speaker, Ms. Lee Albright, Head of the Genealogical Services Branch, Division of the N.C. State Library. Ms. Albright spoke on "Genealogy in N.C. The Role of the Community Colleges and Technical Institutes". She pointed out the need for community colleges and technical institution librarians to provide support and expertise in genealogical research. Ms. Albright stressed that librarians should know what and where genealogical records are available and should encourage local genealogical societies to be active and assist in genealogical research.

Mrs. Oakley expressed her appreciation to Ms. Albright for addressing the Section.

The business session of the meeting began with the call for old business.

Beverly Gass made the motion that the minutes be approved as presented to the membership. Mary Craven Smith seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Pamela Doyle reported a balance of \$562.34 in the section's account as of September 30, 1979. Sixty dollars will be deducted from this balance to reimburse the guest speaker's travel expenses.

Items presented as new business included the encouraging of members to join Southeastern Library Association (SELA), a reminder to complete and return the N.C. LIBRARIES and TAR HEEL LIBRARIES surveys, and an announcement that the Reference and Adult Services Section needs additional members.

Bob Foeller, Rockingham Community College, Wentworth, N.C. will be the section editor and representative on the N. C. LIBRARIES Editorial Board.

Andrea Brown, St. Mary's College, Raleigh, N. C. is the section representative on the NCLA Archives Committee.

NCLA Executive Board would like for the membership to submit program topics for the NCLA/SCLA Conference in 1981. Mrs. Oakley also requested topics be suggested for the Junior College Section program and for workshops that might be conducted.

Persons interested in serving on section committees should contact Mrs. Oakley. The Nominating and Program Committees are the only standing committees in the section.

Sue Gilkerson, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, presented nominees for section officers.

Shirley Jones, Vice-Chairperson, Chairperson-elect

Joyce Orndoff, Secretary-Treasurer

Don Massey, Director
Christian Cupp, Director

Bob Foeller made a motion to accept the nominees submitted. Lytton Barker seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The new officers were recognized by Chairperson Oakley.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Carolyn Oakley, Chairperson

JUNIOR MEMBERS ROUNDTABLE

During the 1977-1979 biennium Junior Members Round Table continued along a course it had set for itself really four years ago. This course took Junior Members into the activity of sponsoring programs focusing on practical aspects of librarianship for all types of librarians.

In 1978 Junior Members participated in sponsoring the Reference/Information and Referral Centers Exhibit which was part of the Governor's Conference. Printed materials were prepared on Information Services in the Public Library, the Academic Library and the Special Library. Each item included an explanation of who uses information services in each type of library, what kinds of information are provided and how the services are provided. Each of these were printed in quantity and distributed to conference participants.

In addition to assisting with the Governor's Conference, on April 26, 1979, Junior Members sponsored with the North Carolina State Library a program entitled "Views on Reviews." The program brought together speakers from ALA's *Booklist*, *CHOICE* and Baker and Taylor's *FORECAST* and *DIRECTIONS*. Over a two day period the views of book review editors, writers and readers were exchanged with an audience of over 80 from both North and South Carolina and Public, Academic, School and Technical libraries.

As Junior Members moved into the new biennium we gave 1979 NCLA conference goers a chance to relax and enjoy themselves with a Toga party. We also gave some assistance to the workings of the conference by helping out at the registration area.

As the new biennium gets underway Junior Members Round Table already has plans which will move it further toward its goal of being a meaningful and important organization for members of the profession. We can all look forward to the future as these plans materialize.

Carlton Sears

PUBLIC LIBRARY SECTION

After calling the meeting to order, Chairman Stephens introduced the Section officers at the head table, recognized Fred Burk of Oxmoor House and thanked him for making the evening's program possible. Nancy Fullbright of Davidson County Public Library introduced N. C. artist and author Bob Timberlake who had autographed his new book *THE WORLD OF BOB TIMBERLAKE* in the Exhibit Hall during the afternoon.

Mr. Timberlake read a statement from Moussa Domit, Director of the State Museum, exonerating the prints which had been under attack by a

group of North Carolina artists and the media. He followed with a statement of his own which was to be made available to the media concerning the attack by a group of petty, frustrated, unsuccessful artists who wished to malign a fellow artist for being successful. His ensuing remarks were followed by a delightful question and answer session about his art, work habits and philosophy of life. He explained that after demonstrating unusual artist talent as a child and young man, he had put aside his artistic endeavors to pursue a commercial life with involvement in the family business. Reaching a frustration level high enough to trigger a reassessment of his goals and following a conversation with Andrew Wyeth, he returned to his first love—ART. He delayed his art revival for several months while he put his affairs in order and for the past ten years has been a full time artist and author.

The Business Meeting which followed saw the adoption of By-laws for the Public Library Section drafted by Robert Burgin, Patsy Hansel and Louise Boone. A summary of the committee reports given is:

AUDIOVISUAL—Cancelled in February 1979 due to inactivity, was reconstituted and charged with looking into the possibility of a state-wide 16mm film catalog for public libraries.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION (Dale Gaddis, Chair) — Published *PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION: GUIDE FOR NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES*. Has been very active in the Public Library/School Library area.

CONTINUING EDUCATION (Barbara Johnson, Chair) — Held a workshop on library programming in August 1978; liasoned a job-exchange in which 20 librarians visited a counterpart in another library of the state for an educational experience; and worked with the Public Relations Committee in holding the Pre-conference on public relations.

DEVELOPMENT (Nancy Fullbright, Chair) — Was instrumental in setting up the framework for the N. C. Public Library Directors Association.

GENEALOGY (Bill Bridgman, Chair) — Held a genealogy workshop in September 1978 for librarians covering how to work with genealogists and what materials are available. Their second project, a survey of N. C. cemetery records, is currently at the printers.

GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS (Bill O'Shea, Chair) — Made several mass mailings to librarians, friends, legislators and participants in the Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information Services concerning support for State Aid to Public Libraries, and participated in other legislative actions.

INFORMATION RESOURCES (Sue Darden, Chair) — Made several efforts toward an index for N. C. newspapers and for a supplement to the N. C. fiction catalog.

PERSONNEL (Patsy Hansel, Chair) — Arranged for Mike Gaddis of the State Department of Personnel to address the Planning Council meeting, produced a summary of library salaries in N. C., co-sponsored a performance appraisal workshop, and decided that a "Personnel Manual" had outlived its usefulness.

PUBLIC RELATIONS (Carol Reilly, Chair) — Sponsored an ad on milk cartons which appeared for a short period of time in the eastern part of N. C.; produced and marketed a film *Rx for Public Library PR* which has been sold to many libraries across the United States and has been previewed by several foreign libraries; and held a pre-conference on Public Relations attended by some 125 persons.

STANDARDS (John Pritchard, Chair) — Delayed any action until new standards are printed by ALA.

STATISTICS (George Viele, Chair) — Recommended several changes to statistical reporting to State Library and produced several statistical analysis on State Aid for Public Library during the discussion phase of State Aid Revision.

YOUNG ADULT (Susan Kern, Chair & Robert Burgin V-C acting) — Produced three newsletters on young adult service and have set up for national circulation.

The Treasurer's report showed a PLS balance of \$2,561.51 as of September 30, 1979.

NOMINATIONS (Robert Burgin, Chair) — Presented the following slate which was elected by acclamation:

C/Chair elect: Bill Bridgman, Sandhills Regional

Secretary: Nancy Fullbright, Davidson County

Director: Jerry Thrasher, Forsyth County

Director: Mary Lou Boone, Chapel Hill Public

Arial Stephens in his summary of the biennium of his chairmanship recognized the major highlights of his term as being the marketing of the film *Rx for Public Library PR*, public library participation in the Governor's Conference, revision of the State Aid formula and the public library lobbying effort to increase the appropriation by the General Assembly, success in saving the Public Library Certification Commission from the Sunset Commission, and the formation of the Director's Association. He expressed his appreciation to all of the elected officers, chairpersons and vice-chairpersons who made up the Planning Council and to all members of their committees for all of the hard work and cooperation they have given this biennium, and to his library staff who have covered for his frequent absences from the office. His special thanks went to Louise Boone as Past Chairman of the Public Library Section for her efforts above and beyond the call of duty and for her assistance in seeing that the Public Library Section was aware of delicate legislative situations before they become real problems.

Arial then turned the gavel over to Chairman Elect Martha Davis of the Rockingham County Public Library with his best wishes for a productive and interesting two years. Mrs. Davis after a few brief comments gaveled the meeting adjourned.

Arial Stephens

NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

The new North Carolina Competency Goals and Performance Indicators have been on the minds of school media coordinators for the last two years. The Association of School Librarians endeavored to help members prepare for these new guidelines, as well as for other new demands, through the fall workshop, entitled "It's the Law, New Meanings for Media Programs," held in Winston-Salem at Benton Convention Center on November 16 and 17, 1978. Dr. Jerome Melton, Assistant Superintendent of Public Instructions, was the keynote speaker. He stressed the part of the media center in fulfilling the requirements of new laws, guidelines, and new trends in education. Mrs. Elsie

Brumback, Director of the Division of Educational Media, State Department of Public Instruction; David McKay, Director of the State Library; and Dr. Ed Holley, Dean of the Department of Library Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, discussed the Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information Service and the White House Conference on the subject which was to follow.

Our highest award, the Mary Peacock Douglas Award, was presented to Mary Frances Kennan Johnson, Chairman, Department of Library Science Educational Media University of North Carolina.

Officers for the biennium were Betsy Detty, Chairman; Arabelle Shockley, Chairman Elect; and, Shirley Brooks, Secretary-Treasurer. Judy Letsinger accepted the role of editor for the NCASL BULLETIN. She is assisted by Clara Crabtree.

NCASL also participated in the North Carolina Media Conference in Fayetteville in January of 1979. Betsy Daniels, media coordinator, Lynn Road School, Raleigh, presented a program on computer assisted instruction. Dr. Richard Stahl, Appalachian State University, presented a program on working with gifted and talented students.

At the North Carolina Library Association in Charlotte in October, 1979, new officers of the Association were elected for the 1980-81 biennium. Arabelle Shockley, School Media Services Coordinator, Winston-Salem/Forsyth Schools, is the new chairman. Paula Williams, Director of Libraries, Chapel Hill Schools, is the new chairman elect, and Jeannette Smith, Librarian, Forsyth County Day School is the new secretary-treasurer. The speaker for the NCASL luncheon was Tomi DePaola, author and illustrator of children's books.

Betsy Detty

REFERENCE AND ADULT SERVICE SECTION

At the 1977 Biennial Conference, the Reference and Adult Service Section elected their first full slate of officers and directors to serve as the Steering Committee for the section. This committee met four times as a full committee during the biennium.

In 1978, two speakouts on copyright were held to identify concerns and to determine the feasibility of developing a conference on this topic. Workshop interests of the membership were also surveyed by a questionnaire which identified three topics—staff development, the use of paraprofessionals, and copyright. In May, 1979, the section sponsored "Developing the Library's Human Resources," a workshop on staff development conducted by Barbara Conroy, librarian, educator, and author of *Library Staff Development and Continuing Education*.

The section meeting at the 1979 Biennial Conference was a program meeting with the election of officers and directors being the only business conducted. Dr. Pauline Wilson of the School of Library and Information Science, University of Tennessee, presented the program, "Librarians and their Stereotypes...How They Respond to Them." Officers elected for the 1980/81 biennium are: Chairman - Ann Webb, Coastal Carolina Community College; Vice-chairman and chairman elect - Doris Hurr, Cumberland County Public Library; Secretary-Treasurer - Nancy Ryckman, University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Directors elected to serve four year terms are:

College and University Libraries - Joe Rees, Duke University; Community College Libraries - Edward Shearin, Central Piedmont Community College; Public Libraries - Anne Thrower, Sand Hills Regional Library System; and Special Libraries - Frances Hall, North Carolina Supreme Court Library.

Jane Snyder

RESOURCES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

The Resources and Technical Services Section has had a successful and active past two years. The Section co-operated with the Serials Interest Group in the presentation of their workshop "Automated or Manual Serials Check-In: What's the Best Method for Your Library?" on September 8, 1978, in Chapel Hill. It presented a workshop on "The Practical Preservation of Library Materials" on September 22, 1978, at Raleigh. Both workshops were well attended and received.

In preparation for the coming implementation of the second edition of the Anglo American Cataloging Rules, the executive board nominated three people to attend the ALA Preconference on AACR2 at Dallas this past June. The board also voted to pay the registration fee for these people in exchange for help in presenting a workshop for the North Carolina Library Association on the subject. This workshop ("What's New with AACR2?") was presented as a preconference to the NCLA biennial conference October 16, 1979, and was attended by 113 people. In spite of poor acoustics, the response by the participants was very favorable.

Mrs. Henriette Avram, Director of the Network Development Office of the Library of Congress spoke at the business meeting of the Section at the NCLA conference. Her topic was "The Effect of Networking on Technical Services," and was extremely informative and interesting.

Other activities of the executive board include revising the section of the NCLA handbook pertaining to the Resources and Technical Services Section, and discussions pertaining to incorporating the Serials Interest Group within RTSS.

The new executive board for the Section is: Chairman, Lillie Caster, Head, Monographic Cataloging, North Carolina State University, Raleigh; Assistant Chairman (Chairman-elect), Doris Ann Bradley, Serials Cataloger, UNC-Charlotte; Secretary, Pamela Doyle, Assistant Director, N. C. Department of Community Colleges, Raleigh; Director, Carol Meyers, Head of Cataloging, Charlotte and Mecklenberg Public Library, Charlotte; Director, Herbert Williams, Technical Services Librarian, Meredith College, Raleigh; and Section Editor for North Carolina Libraries, Desretta McAllister, Library School, North Carolina Central University, Durham. Anyone with suggestions for activities for the Section for the next two years should contact one of the members of the board. They will appreciate any and all interest by the membership.

The past executive board wishes to thank the membership as a whole for the support they have received these past two years and especially wishes to thank those persons whose active participation and downright hard work made the workshops possible and successful.

Cordelia R. Inks

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

The first Archives Committee was organized in 1953 because of a request from the State Library for assistance in the proper care of the archives of the Association which had been deposited with the Library for many years.

The Committee met for two full days in the old State Library headquarters on Morgan Street in Raleigh. The decision was made to sort and bind the materials by biennium and chronologically within the biennium as the most convenient and sensible method of organization. The Committee decided to bind only the official papers, such as minutes, correspondence of the Executive Board, conference activities, section business, etc.; to sort duplicates and miscellaneous papers and place them in manila envelopes; to paste newspaper clippings, mementos and other such materials in scrapbooks; and to keep photographs (with negatives) in acid proof folders. There are few photographs of the period before 1950.

The earliest records from 1904-1929 were treated in a different manner. The first Secretary's and Treasurer's books were bound notebooks with entries in Dr. Louis Round Wilson's handwriting. These were typed off and the copy was bound into Volume 1 of the Archives. The originals were left as they were, as was the first scrapbook which could not be changed.

The original books were restored by Mr. Joseph Ruzicka of Baltimore, an honorary member of the Association, grandfather of Joseph Ruzicka.

The Ruzicka Bindery has bound all volumes of the archives as a gift to the Association, including those of the sections.

The records of the Association are now sorted and bound through 1971, 32 volumes. The records of the Negro Library Association, 1934-1957, have also been bound. The archives of the Association of School Librarians from 1924-1977 are bound in eight volumes.

The Public Libraries Section and those of the Junior Members records are to be sorted and bound in 1980. As other sections collect enough materials other than the papers already included with Association records, the Archives Committee will sort and bind these for the sections.

Members of the Committee since 1953 have been: Harlan Brown, Chairman, 1953-1957; Charlesanna Fox, Chairman, 1957-1980; Hallie Bacelli, 1953-1980; Beatrice Holbrook, 1953-1955; Gladys Johnson, 1953-1957; Jane Wilson, 1953-1957; Carlton West, 1955-1957; O. V. Cook, 1955-1957; Celeste Johnson, 1955-1957; Elaine von Oesen, 1957-1959; Myrl Ebert, 1957-1974; Leola Ross, 1957-1965; Evelyn Pope, 1965-1978; Edith Clark, 1965-1974; Eunice Drum, 1974-1978; Vera Melton, 1974-1978; Judith Sutton, 1974-1978; Mae Tucker, 1974-1980, Sharon Knapp, 1978-1980 and William van Hoven, 1978-1980.

All of the archives are housed in the State Library as required by the N. C. L. A. constitution.

The method of preservation adopted by the Committee in 1953 has proved to be effective, for there have been no changes made in the plan.

Hallie Bacelli has completed a 200-Page "index" to the archives, listing officers and committees and major events, which will be published in the near future.

The present committee is also completing work on the scrapbook, the photographs, miscellaneous papers and a memorial book.

Charlesanna L. Fox

CONSTITUTION AND CODES COMMITTEE

Bylaws for the following sections of NCLA were reviewed by the Committee and sent to the Executive Board with recommendations that the documents be adopted: the Public Libraries Section, the Library Trustees' Section, the Documents Section, and the Reference and Adult Services Section.

The Committee is sending to the 1980-82 Constitution and Codes Committee a draft of a revision of the 1972 NCLA Constitution and Bylaws incorporating technical changes and the 1977 amendment governing the dues structure. The Committee is also sending to the new Committee its recommendations for other proposed amendments.

Members of the Committee were: Daryle Lamb, Robert Pollard, Joy Sandifer, Alene Young, and Rebecca Ballentine, Chairman.

Rebecca Ballentine

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee was charged with the responsibility of:

1. Reviewing the Association's investments, savings, income, expenditures, and allocations annually
2. Preparing and submitting to the Executive Board a budget biennially
3. Making recommendations regarding fiscal policies
4. Studying and making recommendations concerning special requests for funds

The annual review revealed that the Association's expenditures exceeded its income in 1978/79. A budget based upon estimated income was presented. Recommendations were made to raise the dues and to ask the sections and committees to assume more responsibility for reducing expenses. It appears that these remedial measures will be effective. The number of members has remained the same, in spite of the increase in dues. In addition, sections now receive 25 per cent of the dues paid. Units are also cooperating to decrease expenditures. It appears that it may even be possible to stabilize the expenses of NCL. The sections agreed to share the profits made from pre-conferences.

The goal to plan activities and make special requests early enough to include them in the biennial budget was not reached. However, no staggering requests were made.

The financial state of the Association is good and the fiscal relationships of the various units with the Board are good.

Annette Lewis Phinazee

GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND FEDERAL RELATIONS COORDINATOR

The 1978-80 Governmental Relations Committee (GRC) made up of representatives of the various types of libraries and of library education met for the first time at the April, 1978, NCLA Workshop. The committee reviewed its extensive function, was briefed by continuing members of the Committee and by 1976-78 GRC chair-person Bill O'Shea, and set plans in motion to bring its information on the governmental relation needs and concerns of N.C. library programs up to the minute through contacts with NCLA section leaders and with other designated representatives. The Committee met again in August, 1978, to begin drawing up a statewide legislation platform for the 1979 Session of the N.C. General Assembly to submit to the NCLA Board. Invitations were issued to the chairmen of NCLA sections to attend the meeting and/or relate for their members, the high priority concerns relevant to the GRC's tasks. State agency representatives who work with community college and technical institute libraries, public libraries, and school libraries were also invited to brief the committee on library legislation and appropriations proposed for the 1979 Session.

After a discussion of the impact that the GRC and the NCLA could make without having a coordinator employed to give first priority to working with the N.C. General Assembly, the Committee decided the most realistic platform that it could recommend to the NCLA Board would be an endorsement of selected statewide library legislative appropriations requests made by state agencies for the 1979-81 biennium. The Committee proceeded to identify the appropriations request items that it would recommend as priority requests. In the following weeks, the chairperson researched the appropriations requests and their justifications, prepared the document, and on September 29, 1978, presented it to the NCLA Board. (See *NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES*, Spring 1979, pp. 47-50.) At the September meeting the chairperson also conveyed to the Board that "the Governmental Relations Committee strongly recommends that the North Carolina Library Association employ a professional to coordinate the governmental relations program."

The chairperson of the GRC also serves as NCLA's Federal Relations Coordinator receiving communications and alerts from the American Library Association's Washington Office about federal legislative activity that affects libraries. Immediate action such as a letter, telegram, or telephone call to key Congressmen is often needed.

In January, 1979, the Federal Relations Coordinator participated in an outstanding legislative workshop conducted by the ALA Legislation Committee and Legislation Assembly during the ALA Midwinter Meeting and recommends that during 1980 we hold a smaller workshop for persons in leadership roles in NCLA.

The Federal Relations Coordinator made arrangements for NCLA to participate in federal Legislative Day in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the American Library Association, the District of Columbia Library Association,

and the Metropolitan Washington Library Council. Legislative Day was held April 3, 1979, during National Library Week to encourage visits to U.S. Senators and Representatives to brief them and their legislative assistants on the effects of various federal legislation on library and information services to the citizens in their home state. The NCLA Coordinator arranged appointments with each of North Carolina's thirteen Congressmen, contacted individual NCLA section chairman and then recruited professionals representing a cross-section of libraries to serve as NCLA delegates, prepared background materials and distributed them to the NCLA delegates, secured materials giving facts specifically about the effects of various federal funding on library services in N. C. to leave with the Congressmen, and made other arrangements necessary to a successful trip. (See *NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES*, Summer 1979, pp. 75-76.)

During 1978, the GRC chairperson served as a resource person for the discussion group on legislation at the North Carolina Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services in October and, as such, developed written materials for the information of the discussion group participants.

In June, 1979, as Federal Relations Coordinator, the chairperson briefed the official North Carolina delegates to the National White House Conference on Library and Information Services on the current status of major library-related federal legislation and appropriations, and identified the specific impact on N.C. libraries of pending actions. The Coordinator also developed a concise packet of materials which explained each major piece of library-related federal legislation and its specific impact on N. C. libraries for reference use and further study by the delegates.

The GRC chairperson wears at least one other hat, that of the NCLA representative to the Study Committee of the State Council for Social Legislation. During the summer of 1979, the chairperson has met with the Study Committee and proposed several areas of library services for inclusion in the 1981 Legislative Program of the State Council for Social Legislation.

These are just a few of the things that need the attention of a qualified governmental relations coordinator representing the interests of N.C. libraries. There are many important matters that can only be handled when and if NCLA employs a person to devote undivided attention to them.

Judith G. Letsinger

HONORARY AND LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Early in the year the Honorary and Life Membership Committee received and screened nominations for Honorary and Life memberships in the North Carolina Library Association. Recommendations were made to the Executive Board of NCLA who approved new memberships for 1979.

Life members installed were Paul S. Ballance, Willie Godfrey Boone, Charlesanna L. Fox, Mildred C. Herring, Evelyn B. Pope and Jane B. Wilson.

The Honorary member chosen was Thad Stem, Jr.

Presentation of the awards was made at the biennial banquet of NCLA in Charlotte on October 18, 1979.

Eunice P. Drum, Chairperson

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE

The North Carolina Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Committee is approaching the close of a quiet and unspectacular biennium. The policy of the committee is not to become officially involved in local censorship battles unless the local librarian officially requests our support. We have been placed on alert several times in the past two years; however most problems were resolved locally, and for the most part satisfactorily. Our committee appreciated the quiet year, as ours was a transitional committee. All but two of the nine members returned from previous Intellectual Freedom Committees and this biennium was a learning experience for most of us.

Four items highlight the activity and the direction of the North Carolina Library Association Intellectual Freedom Committee:

As this session began, we obtained from the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Library Association a consolidated statement of function, as stated in the NCLA Handbook, and the 1976 Directive of the NCLA Executive Board. A copy of the revised statement is below.

The Committee is in the final stages of writing a report of the findings of a survey which was sent to all library directors and media specialists in the state. The purpose was to examine the censorship problem in the state. We hope to publish the results in *North Carolina Libraries*. Another purpose of the Survey was to advertise the NCLA Intellectual Freedom Committee. A small, but nevertheless significant number of librarians and media specialists responded "no" to the question: "...were you aware that there was an Intellectual Freedom Committee of the North Carolina Library Association." Thus we will recommend to the Intellectual Freedom Committee of the 1980-1981 biennium the objective of spreading the word!

A member of the Committee spent three hot days in Raleigh supporting the withdrawal of a state senate bill which would repeal the General Statute requiring an adversary hearing in an obscenity case. We regret any legislation which provides a barrier between an individual and a book, but realize that as long as such legislation exists we feel that a court must declare an item obscene before an individual should be prosecuted for distributing the item. The senator who introduced (and later withdrew) this bill promises to reintroduce the bill in the next legislative session.

An investigation was made of the removal of the film "About Sex" from the film collection of the North Carolina State Library. We suspect that this censorship is the result of heavy political pressures. As a result of this action, the North Carolina State Library has begun drafting a film selection policy and a policy for general collection development, as well as a complaint review procedure.

The NCLA Intellectual Freedom Committee was saddened by the report of the death of one of its members. Vertisha Riggins, Librarian of the Red Cross Street Branch of the New Hanover County Library System and member of the NCLA-IFC was a victim of a heart attack.

Censorship is alive and active in North Carolina, and we hope that the North Carolina Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Committee will remain as alive and active, so that we will be able to speak against those who would impose a barrier between an individual and information.

R. Philip Morris

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE

Personnel: Chairman, plus four or more members including President, ex officio

Functions:

Since the act of reading is by definition a private activity and the intrusion of a law between an individual and a book constitutes a form of thought control, the Association resists censorship in all its forms.

To keep the public and the profession aware of the importance of free access to information, and to protect the rights of the people and to defend the duty of the libraries which serve them, the North Carolina Library Association has established an Intellectual Freedom Committee.

The Intellectual Freedom Committee shall serve as a clearing house for information relative to censorship. It shall support libraries in defense of intellectual freedom when requested to do so, and shall keep the Association and the Executive Board informed of infringements of intellectual freedom.

The Intellectual Freedom Committee is charged with the following duties:

1. To be alert to any evidence that censorship or abridgment of the freedom to read is advocated or practiced in the state and to ascertain full facts regarding such threats and report them to the Executive Board.
2. To collect and make available to all interested parties information useful in combating attacks on intellectual freedom.
3. To urge librarians to adopt written book selection policies and secure the approval of such policies by their local boards and to cooperate with the Legislative Committee of the Association in opposing any statutory abridgment of freedom in the selection and use of library books.
4. To give information and aid, if requested, to librarians faced with a censorship problem.

Within the framework of this statement, the Intellectual Freedom Committee is empowered to speak for the North Carolina Library Association.

LIBRARY RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Members: Marian Leith, Chair; Sue Darden; Herbert Williams; Theodore Hines; Vergie Cox; David Harrington; Jean McDuffie

A resolution was written by the Committee and presented to the NCLA Board: That NCLA encourage local cooperative efforts among types of libraries in every county.

A questionnaire was composed and disseminated widely, concerning Special Collections in North Carolina libraries. A comparison of survey returns with the newly published *Special Collections in Libraries of the Southeast*, compiled by a special committee of the Southeastern Library Association, determined that special collections in North Carolina have now been identified rather completely; so no further action was taken.

An attempt was then made to compose a questionnaire to locate videotape resources in North Carolina libraries, but since the committee did not respond to a draft version sent out, the project was dropped. It is unfortunate that more concrete results were not achieved, as the committee was an excellent one, and eager to achieve results.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Membership: Gene D. Lanier (Chairman); Neal Austin; Lucy Bradshaw; Una Edwards; Kay Taylor

The NCLA Nominating Committee met at the Spring Workshop at North Carolina State University on April 8, 1978. The charge of the Committee was reviewed and updated based on by-law changes. The Committee determined that candidates for the First Vice-President/President-Elect post should be from college/university or community college/technical institute libraries. The Committee felt that the other posts should represent other types of libraries choosing candidates for each post from the same type of library.

The Committee suggested potential candidates for each position. The chairman at the general session indicated that the Committee was open to suggestions for candidates. The chairman was to contact the candidates getting their approval for their names to appear on the ballot.

Contacts were made with the candidates during the fall, 1978, and biographical sketches were requested along with their agreement to appear on the ballot.

On October 18, 1978, the chairman forwarded sample ballots to the following professional journals in the state: *NCASL BULLETIN*, *MEDIA MESSENGER*, *TAR HEEL LIBRARIES*, *EDUCATIONAL MEDIA BULLETIN*, and *NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES*. A notice was also enclosed indicating that the By-Laws indicate that any member wishing to be placed on the ballot should obtain a minimum of 50 signatures of NCLA members and submit them to the Executive Secretary by April 1 of the year of the election. The Executive Secretary would verify the 50 signatures and notify the member that he would be placed on the ballot. None of these were received.

Official ballots were printed and mailed to the membership by May 1, 1979. The candidates were as follows: First Vice-President/President-Elect: Mertys Bell and Shirley B. McLaughlin; Second Vice-President: Mary Jo P. Godwin and Philip W. Ritter; Secretary: David Harrington and Mona W. Powell; Treasurer: James R. Jarrell and W. Robert Pollard; Director: Una R. Edwards and Carol A. Southerland; Director: Emily S. Boyce and Eugene W. Huguélet.

Ballots were returned to the chairman by June 1, 1979. The Committee met in Knightdale on June 4, 1979, to count the ballots. Officers elected for 1979-1981 included: President: H. William O'Shea, Director, Wake County Public Libraries, Raleigh; First Vice-President/President-Elect: Mertys W. Bell, Dean of Learning Resources, Guilford Technical Institute, Jamestown; Second Vice-President: Philip W. Ritter, Director, Central N.C. Regional Library, Burlington; Secretary: David Harrington, Educational Materials Coordinator, Rowan County Schools, Salisbury; Treasurer: W. Robert Pollard, Head of Reference, D. H. Hill Library, N. C. State University, Raleigh; Director: Carol A. Southerland, Librarian, Garland High School, Garland; Director: Emily S. Boyce, Professor, Department of Library Science, East Carolina University, Greenville.

The chairman notified both successful and unsuccessful candidates and a news release identifying elected officers was sent to the incoming president, the editor of *NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES*, and to *AMERICAN LIBRARIES*, *LIBRARY JOURNAL*, *WILSON LIBRARY BULLETIN*, and *SOUTHEASTERN LIBRARIAN* for October release.

PUBLIC RELATIONS 1977-1979

At an organizational meeting held in conjunction with the Spring Workshop on April 8, 1978, at NCSU, the committee identified its primary goal as raising public awareness of NCLA activities on the state level and also to some extent regionally and nationally. Primary objectives to further this goal were: setting up a mechanism for public relations releases; starting an NCLA activities column in *TAR HEEL LIBRARIES*; putting up billboards advertising the Governor's Conference; contacting the public relations committees of states that belong to SELA for information about their activities; and exploring what ALA does in the way of public relations that might be useful for the committee. To implement its secondary goal of beginning to share public relations ideas with libraries around the state, the committee decided to start a column in *TAR HEEL LIBRARIES* and planned to have a table of shared public relations ideas at the 1979 convention.

The committee did not meet formally during 1978. Mary Canada resigned as chairman in March 1979, and NCLA President Leonard Johnson appointed Alberta Smith interim chairman of the committee.

A major accomplishment of the committee in 1979 was cosponsorship of a public relations preconference, Rx for PR, held in conjunction with the 1979 biennial conference in Charlotte. Over 125 people attended the preconference, which emphasized a practical approach to public relations. Speakers, panelists, and minisession leaders dealt with topics such as planning and budgeting for PR, identifying the library's publics, working with the media, personalizing PR, communicating through newsletters and brochures, evaluating library signage, talking with printers and graphic artists, and evaluating PR programs. The workshop also included a keynote speech by Peggy Barber, director of the ALA Public Information Office and an evening PR swap and shop, thus satisfying two specific objectives of the committee—exploring ALA public relations services to libraries and sharing PR ideas at the convention.

In June 1979 *TAR HEEL LIBRARIES* and *NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES* negotiated a cooperative arrangement for the purpose of ensuring prompt and complete reporting of all NCLA and other professional activities (including successful PR programs) to the membership.

Four official planning meetings were held for the preconference, which was funded in part by LSCA Title III and involved several other NCLA committees and representatives from all types of libraries in the planning.

Other projects for implementing committee goals were unsuccessful or never materialized. Mary Canada wrote letters to other Southeastern state associations asking about their PR activities, but she received no responses. Bill Snyder investigated the possibility of billboards to advertise the Governor's Conference, but found that they were too expensive for the committee budget. Efforts to get donated billboard space were not successful.

The citizens at the Governor's Conference, however, strongly recommended more and better public relations programs for library services—a clear challenge to the 1979-1981 PR Committee. The Governor's Conference Public Relations subcommittee produced three general 30-second PSAs for North Carolina television stations, which continue to run the spots.

Developing a mechanism for NCLA press releases remains a worthwhile project for the committee. An existing mailing list of newspapers, radio

stations, and television stations, arranged by geographical areas of the state and type of media, is available through the Department of Cultural Resources Communications Bureau. Success of this project would depend on identifying willing NCLA reporters to write news releases of features of statewide interest and designating a person to coordinate the mailing.

Alberta Smith

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

During 1977-78 and again during 1978-79, the earnings from the invested scholarship funds permitted the awarding of three scholarships, as follows:

1977-78

\$1000 NCLA Memorial Scholarship to Betty F. Middleton, China Grove, to attend UNC-G.

\$600 NCLA Memorial Scholarship to Arlene A. Hannerfeld, Wilmington, to attend UNC-CH.

\$500 Query-Long Scholarship to Elinor Vaughan, Winston-Salem, to attend UNC-G.

1978-79

\$1000 NCLA Memorial Scholarship to Helen Tugwell, Wilson, to attend East Carolina University.

\$1000 NCLA Memorial Scholarship to Laura Robbins, Greensboro, to attend UNC-CH.

\$500 Query-Long Scholarship to Margaret Furches, Cornelius, to attend UNC-G.

Both years the other applicants were offered loans of up to \$200, to be repaid after one year at one percent interest. Several took advantage of this loan fund during the two years.

Notices of the availability of the scholarships were sent to all N.C. colleges and universities offering courses in library science and all professional library organizations in the state. Each year eleven applications were completed and processed by the committee.

Grace B. Farrior

Some Readers Comment

Dear Mr. Lindsey:

It was distressing to the point of indignation as I read the Fall 1979 issue of *NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES* and found no mention of the merger of the Negro Library Association and the North Carolina Library Association as well as not a black face in the photographs concerning the history of the North Carolina Library Association. "WHY?"

I think this issue was a poorly done piece of work and I resent especially the absence of any reference to contributions made by black librarians in the state of North Carolina. I have been a member of NCLA for twenty years and have supported the organization, so I am expressing my opinion on this matter.

Sincerely,
(Mrs.) Jocelyn E. Stevens
Acting Assistant Librarian
Shepherd Memorial Library, NCCU

Editor's Note: As you can see there is more room on this page for commentary from readers.