

## Foreword

This issue of NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES has a special section devoted to the theme, "Bibliographic Instruction." An effort has been made to survey some of the issues raised by the use of bibliographic instruction in several types of library situations. The editor and compiler of this section was Rose Simon, who is Director of the Salem College Library.

Topics in this section are introduced by two "think pieces," one written by Rose herself, and the other written by Joseph P. Natoli of Wake Forest University. The questions raised here are worth addressing, whether ones agrees totally or not. The other two long articles in the section include one by Elsie Brumback that surveys the goals and objectives of the school media program in developing bibliographic skills. The other article, by Ridley Kessler, offers good advice for developing a documents bibliographic instruction program. A group of brief news articles in this same section reports on various bibliographic instruction programs from different libraries as "Notes From the Field." A regular feature of NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES, that we call "Workshop Words Worth Recall," is included in the bibliographic instruction theme section, reporting on some useful talks given in Asheville at Marie Devine's Workshop On Teaching Skills For Librarians. While by no means pretending to be an exhaustive study of the topic, the section on bibliographic instruction comes at the subject from a number of different angles, all of which we hope will be stimulating.

Other articles, not directly related to bibliographic instruction, include Julie Virgo's discussion of the implications of political realities for learning resources centers, and Frances Hall's coverage of why, where, and how to obtain North Carolina legislative materials. We hope that both of these articles will prove useful to you in your professional work.

Elsewhere, we were saddened by the death, on June 22 of this year, of Thad Stem, a friend of North Carolina Libraries, and North Carolina readers for many years. He will be missed.

In addition to our regular features, we are including two new items: "Resources and Technical Services Fall Report," and "Public Library Notes." Both of these report and discuss material of interest to librarians, members or non-members of RTSS or the Public Libraries section. We hope to include as many special items, grouped by NCLA sections, as possible. Meanwhile here's hoping you find this issue useful.

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