

# North Carolina Librarianship 1980

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## **NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES, A STATISTICAL VIEW**

During the year Alberta Smith of the State Library prepared the following data on libraries and librarians in North Carolina. The summary was compiled from the 1978-1979 statistical summaries published by the State Library for academic, public, and special libraries. Data on school libraries was taken from the 1979 Instructional Media Report and from statistics provided by Management Information Systems, Department of Public Instruction. Academic library statistics were taken directly from the Library General Information Survey (LIBGIS) reports. Community college and technical institute libraries, public libraries, and special libraries submit individual statistical reports to the State Library.

Special libraries which are components of university library systems are included in the special and academic totals, with the exception of the four medical school libraries and the McNutt Center at UNC-Greensboro, which are included only in the special library totals. Special library totals reflect the total picture less accurately than other totals as not all special libraries responded to every question with the result that the totals may be short in some categories. For all other library types, response in every category was 100%. (See data page 43)

## **Retirements and Appointments**

Marian Leith, Connie Dunlap, and Elizabeth Copeland all ended their active careers as library administrators in North Carolina in 1980. Marion Leith retired from her position as assistant state librarian where she was primarily responsible for the administration of the LSCA program for North Carolina. Connie Dunlap, who came to Duke University's Perkins Library five years ago announced her retirement in the fall to be effective December 31. Ms. Dunlap will return to the midwest. Elizabeth Copeland, former president of the North Carolina Library Association, retired as director of the Shepard Memorial Library, Greenville, North Carolina.

Jane Williams was named to replace Marian Leith as assistant state librarian of North Carolina, and Keith C. Wright was appointed Chairman of the Library Science/Educational Technology Division at University of North Carolina-Greensboro. Wright comes to North Carolina from the University of Maryland.

## **State Aid for Public Libraries**

Municipal libraries and automation projects shared in State Aid for public libraries for the first time in North Carolina this year under a new State Aid formula which required a community analysis and long-range plan from each

Library Type	COLLECTIONS				EXPENDITURES			INTERLIBRARY LOANS		
	Total	Staff FTE	Size of Primary User Group	Books-Volumes	Serials-Titles	Salaries	Books & Other Materials	Total Operating	Provided	Received
Academic 4-year	50	1,347.8	161,636	13,140,836	136,346	\$16,789,699	\$12,886,869	\$35,386,863	53,785	22,913
Academic 2-year	65	443.6	100,085	1,650,522	14,633	5,648,236	2,086,744	8,350,498	2,494	8,457
Public	357	1,614.8	5,525,400	7,882,162	14,913	16,336,198	4,742,209	25,009,376	7,116	37,898
School	2,032	3,212.0	1,200,000	16,232,454	86,677	23,755,124	11,534,097	na*	na	na
Special (total)	138	829.25	399,147	2,831,833	46,250	6,738,542	4,547,325	na	75,581	64,145
Special (univ. related-non-med)	31	158.6	na	1,292,578	16,723	1,222,138	1,211,834	na	8,446	1,194
			(subtracted from totals)							
TOTAL	2,642	7,228.9	5,525,229**	40,445,229	282,096	\$68,045,661	\$34,585,410	\$68,746,737	130,530	132,219

\*not available

\*\*1977 population estimate for North Carolina. A 1971 study by Dr. Ray Carpenter of UNC-Chapel Hill showed that 24% of all North Carolinians used their public libraries. This yields a real "primary user group" of 1,326,096.

recipient. The State Library distributed \$4,354,056, up 12% from last year, to regional, county, and municipal libraries. The amount for basic grants was \$3,740,533; networking-automation grants totaled \$306,655. Thirty-five library systems received Per Capita Equalization Grants amounting to \$306,858, assuring that each of the 35 libraries now receives \$.51 per capita from State Aid.

The short session of the North Carolina General Assembly also budgeted an additional one million dollars for construction, additions, and renovations of public libraries. Fifty thousand dollars of this amount can be used to study the feasibility of a new State Library Building. Up to \$100,000 per library was made available to local public libraries on an equal matching basis subject to the approval of the Governor and the Advisory Budget Commission. The State Library received 39 applications totaling \$2,865,000. Consultants visited every site to review applications and their findings were sent to the Advisory Budget Commission and the Governor. No grants had been awarded as of December 1.

### **Second Community School Library Organized**

The Wake County Board of Education and the Wake County Libraries have organized and will open in 1981 the Athens Drive Library as a joint secondary school and public library branch. The detailed work of preparation for this joint venture was accomplished by Valerie Lovett, assistant director of Wake County Libraries, and Mary Holloway, supervisor, Media Services, Wake County Board of Education.

### **North Carolina Friends of Public Libraries**

The North Carolina Friends of Public Libraries, inspired by the North Carolina Governor's Conference recommendation and the enthusiasm of an energetic steering committee, was officially launched with its first meeting held in Sanford at Lee County Library on October 16. Charter members included broad representation from friends across the state, now some 9,368 strong. Membership was opened to everyone and includes a subscription to a FRIENDS NEWSLETTER edited by the Friends and distributed and printed with the help of the State Library. The Friends president is Mrs. Henry Singletary from Wilmington. The purpose of the group is to share ideas and to provide a broad support base for improved local and statewide public library service.

### **Summer Reading and Quiz Bowl 80**

Children and young adults across North Carolina participated in statewide programs sponsored by the State Library this year.

The summer reading program, "From Hatteras to Cherokee" featured songs, games and stories from North Carolina folklore. Children marked a map of North Carolina with "Tar Heel footprints" as they read books over the summer. Many children who received certificates also got discount coupons for a "From Hatteras to Cherokee" week at Carowinds amusement park. Materials and printing were provided by the State Library through a grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation. Ninety-four out of 100 counties participated.

public libraries in promoting the event and local merchants and foundations contributed prize money and awards. Workshops were held in the fall to plan for QUIZ BOWL 81.

### **Office Holders Regionally and Nationally**

Joseph Boykin, director, University of North Carolina-Charlotte, was elected to the board of OCLC, Inc., and Arial Stephens, director, Public Library of Charlotte-Mecklenburg County, and Leland Park, director, Davidson College, were elected to the board of SOLINET. Members of Southeastern Library Association elected Joseph Boykin and Annette Phinazee to the positions of secretary and treasurer, respectively, for the 1980-82 biennium. Additionally, H. K. Griggs, Sr., was elected chairman-elect of the Trustees and Friends Section, SELA; Leonard Johnson was elected chairman-elect of the Children's Section, SELA; and Jerry Thrasher was elected secretary of the Public Library Section, SELA.

### **Trustees**

Trustees were also active this year. In addition to the annual Trustee-Librarian Conference held in the spring in Chapel Hill, two regional trustee conferences in the eastern and western parts of the state were well attended and more local conferences are anticipated next year to give all trustees a chance to participate. A revised guidebook for North Carolina trustees was distributed by the State Library in November. This manual, *The Public Library*, is the first revision in eight years of a publication that grew out of the Proceedings of the First Trustee-Librarian conference conducted by the Institute of Government in 1952.

### **Buildings**

Havelock-Craven County Public Library, King Public Library, Sherills Ford Public Library, and the Durham County Library dedicated new library buildings in 1980. An addition to the Wilson County Public Library doubled the size of the building and an addition to the Forsyth County Public Library made this library the largest public library building in North Carolina. An addition to the Belk Library at Appalachian State University was dedicated in October. An underground media center under construction at Mars Hill College and approved plans for a solar public library at Mt. Airy will demonstrate innovative energy-saving designs for library buildings in North Carolina and the nation.

### **Library Education**

Dean Edward G. Holley, School of Library Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, announced that the library school is initiating a new curriculum which will be effective for entering students in 1981. This curriculum will be a two year program of preparation which will provide greater opportunity for programs which include more practical experience in the process of obtaining the master's degree. This change will include an expansion of the

North Carolina's first high school QUIZ BOWL took place on April 20 in the renovated House Chambers of the Old Capitol Building in Raleigh, with

UNC-TV cameras recording an impressive victory by J. H. Rose High from Pitt County over Ashbrook High from Gaston County. Schools cooperated with block concept to provide a more thorough grounding in the principles and introductory levels of librarianship prior to specializations. Chapel Hill also had the honor of its first graduate student to complete the doctoral program and receive the doctor of philosophy degree. Jo Ann Bell was the first graduate, and she is the medical librarian at University of North Carolina-Greenville.

North Carolina Central University School of Library Science celebrated its thirty-fifth anniversary during the year with a special colloquium honoring Charlemae Hill Rollins.

### **Workshops**

In addition to meetings and conferences, at least 35 workshops and seminars provided continuing education opportunities for all types of North Carolina librarians in 1980. These covered a broad range of topics including grantsmanship, space planning, automation, SOLINET, COM catalogs, the planning process for public library directors, assertiveness training, serials, AACR2, chemical and current awareness of databases, young adults in the library, lifelong learning, and indexing. The workshops were sponsored by a variety of library organizations including the State Library, various sections of the North Carolina Library Association, the North Carolina Chapter of the Special Libraries Association, and the library schools.

The North Carolina Online Users Group and the SOLINET User's Group realized increased membership and interest in their programs this year as more libraries automated and joined or plan to join the regional network.

### **School Library Media Center**

The annual media regional workshops held across the state by the Division of Educational Media, Department of Public Instruction, had something new this year - microcomputers. The 1,776 school library media coordinators who attended the conference had an opportunity to see demonstrations and try hands-on experience with the Apple and TRS80, now both on state contract.

Software for the micros is being evaluated by the Department of Public Instruction, and the Media Review and Evaluation Center is including commercially available software in its reviewing process and publications. The Division of Educational Media is also serving as a clearinghouse for locally developed software which is suitable for use in public schools.

Additional progress at the state level included work on a project to automate 16mm film holdings in Local Educational Agencies as a first step in creating a statewide union list. Implementation of revised guidelines for certification of school media coordinators is anticipated for 1981.

North Carolina school libraries were especially proud of two national award winners in their ranks this year. Arthur S. (Ott) Alford, superintendent of Pitt County Schools, received The Distinguished Library Service Award for School Administrators. A 16mm film based on Pitt County's experience describes the positive effect of strong administrative support on a school library



media program. The film, entitled "A Winning Combination" was shown at ALA and the first AASL Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. The Charlotte Mecklenburg County School System was selected as one of four national finalists to receive the 1980 School Library Media Program of the Year Award.

### **Networking and Cooperative Ventures**

Forty libraries in North Carolina are either members of SOLINET, or participate in OCLC via FEDLINK. The state library and the NCLA are jointly working on a comprehensive review of networking and cooperation among libraries in the state. Early results show that there are at least 41 cooperative projects among libraries in North Carolina. These range from across the board discounts received from pooling buying power to, film cooperatives, to reference sharing, acquisitions agreements, continuing education, union lists of monographs and/or serials or AV, delivery services, and area consortia.

Automation use among North Carolina Libraries is reflected in data compiled from a survey by the joint committee of the state library and the NCLA. The data indicates that twenty-two academic libraries, and forty-five special libraries have some form of automation. Community College and public libraries reported that seven have automation, and two school libraries reported use of automation. Eighteen of the libraries reporting have automated public use catalogs, some fifty provide automated reference services, nineteen have an automated acquisitions system, and forty-one have automated cataloging. Ten libraries indicated a planned use of automation in public catalogs, and five indicate plans for automated acquisitions and reference services.

TRLN (UNC-CH, NCSU, Duke) continue to develop a joint on-line catalog, with first use projected for 1985. The first phase of their project has produced a joint COM catalog.

### **Community Colleges**

A state level reorganization of the North Carolina Department of Community Colleges transferred library consultant services from the Division of Educational Resources to the Media Processing Services Section, which processes books for the 58 schools in the system. Media Processing Services also received responsibility for coordination of the inter-institutional film loan program which it automated this year, and the Rural Renaissance Program, which makes copies of locally produced instructional modules available at cost to other institutions. Learning laboratory and audiovisual support services were transferred from the Division of Educational Resources to other sections of the Department of Community Colleges.

The North Carolina Community Colleges Learning Resources Association annual spring conference held on March 23-24 in Asheville heralded "1980: Dawn of a New Decade in Learning Resources" with sessions and speakers on computers in the LRC, implementation of AACR2, serving the handicapped, and multimedia approaches to reading. The association also awarded its first annual scholarship for continuing education to a technician currently working in a community college library, and it contributed expertise and funds to help

support the GALAXY 80 Lifelong Learning Conference held to bring together all agencies in the state involved in lifelong learning.

### Intellectual Freedom Issues

1980 was an active year for Gene Lanier and the Intellectual Freedom Committee of the North Carolina Library Association. Judy Blume's *Wifey* was ordered removed from the shelves of the Columbus County Library, with a resulting lengthy series of actions between county commissioners, library trustees, and others. The final result was a compromise which provided parents of minors with direct means of restricting circulation of adult materials on a juvenile library card. Other instances of censorship have involved the Greensboro Public Schools in a continuing dispute over withdrawal of *The Car Thief*, resulting in a new selection policy. On recommendation of the NCLA Intellectual Freedom Committee, the NCLA Executive Board approved the creation of the North Carolina Library Association Intellectual Freedom Award.

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