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# Introduction

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Traditionally, the winter issue of *North Carolina Libraries* immediately following the NCLA Biennial Conference has been devoted to the speeches, meetings, resolutions, awards, and other activities of the conference.

The forty-fifth NCLA Biennial Conference was held in Winston-Salem from October 26 through 28, 1983. It was one of the best-attended conferences to date, with 1,273 North Carolina librarians taking part in its many offerings. All

ninety exhibitors' booths were sold, with seventy-one vendors present.

The editor of *North Carolina Libraries* wishes to express his appreciation to the individuals who have provided the speeches and reports that follow, thereby allowing the journal's readership to share in the enthusiasm and excitement generated by this most successful conference.

**Robert Burgin**, Editor  
*North Carolina Libraries*



Present at the ribbon cutting and opening of exhibits are (l-r) H.L. Pete Jenkins, county manager of Forsyth County; William Kirwan, exhibits coordinator; Mertys Bell, president of NCLA; Larry Roland, Joseph Ruzicka-South, Inc.; and Wayne Corpening, mayor of Winston-Salem. (Photo by Frank Sparger.)



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