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## Lanier Wins Immroth Award

The John Phillip Immroth Memorial Award for Intellectual Freedom, presented annually by the Intellectual Freedom Round Table to honor the courage, dedication, and contribution of living individuals who have been exemplary in their defense and furtherance of the principles of intellectual freedom, will be presented this summer at ALA to Dr. Gene D. Lanier of the East Carolina University Library Science faculty.

The award was established in 1976 to honor Immroth, an author, scholar, advocate, and defender of First Amendment rights. Lanier follows author and columnist Nat Hentoff, the 1983 Immroth Award winner.

As chairman of the Intellectual Freedom Committee of the North Carolina Library Association since 1980, Lanier has presented over seventy-five papers at conferences and professional and civic meetings in the southeast concerning the threat of library censorship and the individual's right to read, view, and listen. A former president of NCLA, he was appointed by the governor to serve on the State Library Committee and by the North Carolina Speaker of the House to the Study Committee on Obscenity Laws.

Dr. Lanier is a native of Conway, North Carolina, and holds degrees from East Carolina University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. During his tenure he has also received the Hugh M. Hefner First Amendment Award in education, presented by the Playboy Foundation, and the Mary Peacock Douglas Award from the North Carolina Association of School Librarians. He was chairman of the Department of Library Science at ECU from 1966 to 1981 and has served as consultant to over fifty libraries across the state.

## NCASL Wins 1984 Grolier Award

The North Carolina Association of School Librarians has received the 1984 Grolier National Library Week Grant for a proposal to sponsor a statewide School Library Media Day during National Library Week. The Media Day will

increase awareness of school media programs' contributions to the education of young people in North Carolina.

The award, the first to be presented to a school media library group, was selected by the National Library Week Committee of the American Library Association during ALA's 1984 Midwinter Meeting in Washington, D.C.

The ALA committee gives the annual \$1000 cash award to the state library association or school media association submitting the best proposal for a public relations program to be conducted in the year in which the grant is presented. The Grolier Educational Corporation donates the grant.



Dr. Gene Lanier, of the East Carolina University Library School, has been selected winner of the John Phillip Immroth Memorial Award for Intellectual Freedom.

North Carolina's winning proposal outlines a campaign aimed at North Carolina legislators, parents, educators, and teachers, using the National Library Symbol as a log and the slogan, "The School Library Media Program: A Knowledge Base," which supports the general NLW theme, "Knowledge Is *Real* Power."

The association arranged for a National Library Week proclamation by the governor, produced a thirty-second radio public service announcement for distribution to 256 radio stations statewide, recommended three to five activities for school systems and elementary through senior high schools, and produced a guidebook for school librarians and other interested persons. The \$1000 grant will supplement the NCASL investment in the project and fund wider distribution of public service announcements and guidebooks.

"An increase in the ratio of students to positions for school librarians, reductions in local funding for library materials, and mandates by the North Carolina Legislature for Quality Assurance Programs and Performance Appraisal have generated concern that the school library media program must become more visible as a viable force in the educational, informational, and recreational pursuits of the young people and adults in North Carolina," the proposal reads.

Dr. Judith Davie, of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro Library Science Department, is the chair of the North Carolina Association of School Librarians. Edith Briles, director of media services for Randolph County Schools, is the chair of the NCASL School Library Media Day Committee.

### Charlotte Library Bond Passes

A library bond worth \$9.3 million to the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County was passed with a 70 per cent approval rate in the city's November 8 elections.

The bond provides \$8.8 million for expansion of the main library in uptown Charlotte; \$200,000 for expansion of the Matthews Branch in southeastern Mecklenburg County; and \$300,000 to build a branch in the Hickory Grove community in eastern Mecklenburg County.

The Friends of PLCMC and the Library Board of Trustees headed efforts to get the bond passed. Friends members presented a fifteen-minute slide show on the library system and its services to civic groups, and both board and Friends members made speeches advocating the bond at PTA meetings across the Charlotte area.

Brochures entitled "The Public Library ...

Your Partner in Learning" were also handed out at the PTA meetings. Copies of this brochure, which stresses the importance of the library system in a child's education, can be obtained by writing Mary Hopper, Director of Public Relations, PLCMC, 310 N. Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28202.

### New Faculty at UNC-Chapel Hill

Dr. Edward G. Holley has announced the appointment of two new faculty members in the School of Library Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dr. William M. Shaw, Jr., has joined the faculty as associate professor of Library Science. Shaw comes to Chapel Hill from the faculty of the Matthew A. Baxter School of Library and Information Science at Case Western Reserve University. He will teach courses in information science, bibliometrics, library effectiveness, and quantitative methods.

Dr. Judith B. Wood, who has just completed her Ph.D. in information science at Case Western Reserve University, has joined the faculty as assistant professor. Wood will teach courses in the areas of information science, science literature, and on-line data base searching.

### New Public Library Directors Names

Martha Schatz assumed her new duties as director of Rutherford County Library on December 1. A native of Greenville, Mississippi, she obtained her MLS from the University of South Carolina in 1977. She served as adult reference librarian of the Memphis Public Library and Information Center from 1977-1979, and more recently was headquarters librarian of First Regional Library, Hernando, Mississippi.

Roy E. C. Day became director of Roanoke Rapids Public Library on February 1. Day is a 1976 graduate of the University of Maryland. Since 1981, he has served as county librarian of Pamlico County Library, a member of Craven-Pamlico-Carteret Regional Library, where he helped to implement the first joint school/public library in North Carolina. Prior to his current position, he served as regional reference librarian for CPC from 1976-1981.

### Outstanding Staff Recognized at Cumberland

Victoria Smith, acquisitions librarian, and Marsha Grove, Bordeaux Branch librarian, are the first two recipients of the Cumberland County Public Library's Employee Extraordinaire Award.

The award, an outgrowth of a Cumberland County Public Library staff training session on

### Susan Grey Akers

Dr. Susan Grey Akers, former director and dean of the School of Library Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, died on January 30, 1984, at the age of 94.

Dr. Akers was the first woman to hold an academic deanship at the university. She was one of the original faculty members in the School of Library Science when it opened in 1931, and when Dr. Louis Round Wilson left to go to the University of Chicago the next year, she was named to succeed him as acting director. She was made director of the school in 1935, and in 1942 her title was changed to dean. Dr. Akers served as dean until 1954 and continued to teach until 1959.

Born April 3, 1889, in Richmond, Kentucky, Akers graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1909. She earned a certificate from the University of Wisconsin Library School. When Dr. Akers earned her doctoral degree from the University of Chicago in 1932, she was only the fourth person in the United States to hold a Ph.D. in Library Science.

Her work in cataloging won her the American Library Association's Margaret Mann Award in 1956. The School of Library Science Alumni Association established a scholarship fund in her honor in 1951.



Dr. Susan Grey Akers, former director and dean of the School of Library Science at UNC-Chapel Hill, 1889-1984.

recognition, is presented periodically to an employee of the library system. Victoria received her award for coordinating the ordering and processing of a particularly large number of books during the last two months of the 1982-83 budget year. Marsha was recognized for her promotion of merchandising techniques throughout the library system, resulting in increased circulation in many locations.

### Boyce Appointed to Southern Association Committee

East Carolina University chairman of the School of Library Science Emily Boyce has been appointed to the State Elementary Committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, an accreditation agency which ensures educational standards in North Carolina classrooms from kindergarten to the university level. Ms. Boyce has worked as a consultant and visiting team member for both individual schools and on central office committees on behalf of the Southern Association since 1961. She was also recently presented with a certificate of appreciation for her work at the annual association meeting in New Orleans.

### Community College LRA Meets in Kinston

Members of the North Carolina Community College Learning Resources Association met at Lenoir Community College in Kinston recently to discuss the future and the communication structure of community colleges. Fred Manley, director of learning resources for the North Carolina Department of Community Colleges, presented information on the future of learning resources and explained reorganization measures being taken within the state's community college department. Wayne Community College directed studies coordinators Cathy Frazier and Sandra Smith also spoke at the meeting, giving members information on enhancing communications between learning labs and English faculty.

### Winter Workshops Held at ECU

The Department of Library Science at East Carolina University in Greenville has sponsored several successful activities this winter.

Over one hundred librarians, teachers, and parents attended the ECU Department of Library Science Fall Lecture on November 15. Pat R. Scales media specialist and librarian in the Greenville, South Carolina, Media School, had as her topic, "Communicate Through Literature," a



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discussion of the parent's and educator's roles in bringing together books and readers.

A December 3 workshop on "Booktalking" feature Dr. Gerald Hodges, assistant professor in the Library Science/Educational Technology Division at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and Frances Bradburn, upper school librarian at Greensboro Day School.

On January 14, media specialists and librarians from across the state attended an ECU workshop on the advanced use of microcomputers in libraries and media centers. The workshop was coordinated and presented by ECU Department of Library Science associate professor Dr. Veronica Pantelidis.

### NC Special Librarians Meet

"Books Make the Man: A Lifetime of Laughing and Learning" was the topic of discussion at the winter meeting of the North Carolina Chapter of the Special Libraries Association. The meeting was held December 2, 1983, in Raleigh. Bill Price, director of the Division of Archives and History in Raleigh, delivered an interesting talk to the group of forty-four members.

Mary Lynn Bryan, editor of the "Papers of Jane Addams Memorial Collection," enlightened the group as to how she got started with this collection and presented some history about Hull House.

### Problem Patron Workshop Held

Approximately sixty public librarians attended a workshop entitled "Coping with Problem Patrons," held at Forsyth County Public Library on January 19. Speakers included David G. Fergusson, headquarters librarian at Forsyth County Public Library; Jonathan V. Maxwell of the Forsyth County Attorney's Office; Ron Davis, president of the Forsyth County Mental Health Association; and Jim Jordan, security guard at Forsyth County Public Library. The workshop was sponsored by the Northwest North Carolina Library Council.

### Public Library Construction

Fifth District Congressman Steve Neal participated in the dedication ceremony held December 11 at the **Charles H. Stone Memorial Library** in Pilot Mountain. Rep. Neal joined local officials and library trustees in dedicating the recently completed wing. The project was partially financed with a \$30,000 donation from Mrs. Clara M. Stone, widow of the man for whom the library was named.

A dedication ceremony held December 10, 1983, observed the move of **Stanly County Public Library's** Badin Branch to a renovated facility. The renovation was made possible by a challenge grant donated by the children of Mr. and Mrs. James Vann. To honor the Vanns, the branch has been renamed the Jim and Bess Vann Memorial Library.

Bunn dedicated its new branch on December 3 with an address by Dr. C. Ray Pruette, Louisville College professor and former chairman of the Franklin County Library Board. Pruette commended Dean Lamm, a local businessman, as the catalyst behind establishment of the newest branch in the **Franklin County Library** system. N.C. Representative George Brannan and a full complement of county commissioners were on hand to enjoy the dedication and open house.

### New Library Planned for NC A & T

Long-range plans at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro call for a new library building or an addition to the existing building as the next building on campus. Chancellor Jewel Stewart appointed the Library Task Force in January, 1982, to explore possible alternatives for the library's space needs. The task force received a \$40,000 planning grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation in May 1983 and has used the funds to finance tours of eight academic libraries across the country to help the task force learn more about building layout, design, and services offered to users. This information will be used in the task force's final report, due along with schematic architectural drawings in the summer of 1984.

Alene Young and Alva Stewart are librarian members of the task force. Alice Hester, former student assistant in the library, is one of two student members.

### NCCU Library School Receives Gifts

The computer laboratory at the North Carolina Central University School of Library Science has recently been enriched by the addition of a Hazeltine video terminal and Texas Instrument printer, gifts of Microfilming Corporation of America. Dr. Benjamin Speller, acting dean of the school, said the equipment "will enhance the school's ability to provide students and faculty access to an increasing number of electronic publications and services that support instruction and research activities."

The School of Library Science has recently joined ALANET, the American Library Associa-

tion's electronic mail and information service. The school's computer laboratory now includes seven interactive video terminals, four printing terminals, and one printer, all of which can be used with computer networks. The laboratory is also the site of five microcomputers.

### New Interlibrary Services Manual Announced

The Interlibrary Services Branch of the Division of State Library proudly announces the publication of its *Interlibrary Services Manual*. Designed to tell North Carolina libraries how to use the branch's interlibrary loan and reference services, this long-awaited manual replaces the 1971 *North Carolina State Library IN-WATS Procedure Manual*.

A copy of the manual has been mailed to the interlibrary loan librarian in each North Carolina library using the branch's services. Libraries that have not received a copy or those wanting additional copies should call INWATS or write the Interlibrary Services Branch, Division of State Library, 109 East Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27611.

### Duke Librarian Visits Luxembourg Library

Kathleen Eisenbeis, assistant head of the Public Documents and Maps Department, Duke University, spent July and August as an official visitor in the Library of the European Parliament in Luxembourg. Ms. Eisenbeis was able to work with the staff of the Research, Information and Documentation Division on a daily basis as they provided materials and reference assistance to the Parliament staff and researchers of the political groups. She surveyed the tools and methods of access to information and interviewed Parliamentary staff involved in the various aspects of information retrieval and dissemination. She also visited the libraries of the European Investment Bank and the Court of Justice in Luxembourg, the European Commission Library in Brussels and the university libraries of Cambridge and the London School of Economics. Duke has been an official depository for the European Communities since the initiation of the program in 1964. The intent is to provide a full range of publications of the European Communities to carry out research and teaching on European integration.

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### Beta Phi Mu Meets

Members of Beta Phi Mu who are not members of a local chapter are invited to affiliate with the Epsilon Chapter (UNC-Chapel Hill). The

spring meeting and initiation will be held in Chapel Hill on Friday, May 11, at 6:00 p.m. Following dinner, professor Haynes McMullen will present several "Little Lessons from Library History." For further information, please contact Damon Hickey, The Library, Guilford College, 5800 West Friendly Avenue, Greensboro, NC 27410.

### Holley to Address Trustee Conference

Trustees and librarians who attend the annual Trustee Conference will hear Dean Edward Holley and the advisory committee of which he was chairman discuss the basic role of each type of library in North Carolina. Scheduled to begin at 1:30 on Wednesday, May 31, this session will address the unique services each library renders to its community. Holley, dean of the University of North Carolina School of Library Science, was chairman of the committee which produced *North Carolina's Libraries: Their Role, Statements of Mission and Purpose*. Committee members who will join Dean Holley in addressing the topic are Martha Davis, director of Rockingham County Public Library; Shirley Jones, dean of the Learning Resource Center, Wayne Community College; Carol Lewis, director of School Media Programs, N.C. Department of Public Instruction; and Elvin Stowd, university librarian, Duke University. The Library Trustee-Librarian Conference will be held May 30-31 at the Carolina Inn in Chapel Hill.

### Guilford Reference Librarians Roundtable

In June 1983, reference librarians from the nine academic and public libraries in Guilford County met at North Carolina A & T University to discuss the feasibility of meeting on a regular basis.

As a result of this initial meeting, an organization was formed. Now known as the Guilford Reference Librarians Roundtable, the purpose of the group is "to share information about the academic and public libraries in Guilford County; to promote cooperation among the academic and public libraries in Guilford County; to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas, problems, and concerns encountered in day-to-day library operation; and to strengthen the professional knowledge of those persons who represent the member libraries in this organization."

Clarence Chisholm, reference librarian at A & T, provided the impetus needed to begin the organization and now serves as the group's chairperson. Meeting each month at one of the member libraries, the roundtable's representa-

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tives gather for lunch and a discussion of selected topics of interest and concern to the group. Topics discussed to date have included circulation policies of the member libraries, special collections and resource persons, and collecting local and municipal documents.

Members of the roundtable include the Thomas F. Holgate Library (Bennett College), the James Addison Jones Library (Greensboro College), the Greensboro Public Library, the Guilford College Library, the Guilford Technical Community College Learning Resources Center, the Wrenn Memorial Library (High Point College), the High Point Public Library, the F.D. Bluford Library (NC A & T), and the Walter Clinton Jackson Library (UNC-G).

Kem B. Ellis, Secretary, GRLR

## Disaster Preparedness Guide Available

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Written by Dr. John L. Sharpe, curator of rare books, Duke University, and the Library Resources Committee of the North Carolina Library Association, *Disaster Preparedness: A Guide* ... is now available in limited quantities at \$4.00 per copy. Send checks (made payable to the North Carolina Library Association) to Library Resources Committee, c/o Patrick Valentine, N.C. Foreign Language Center, 328 Gillespie Street, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28301.

Patrick Valentine

## State Documents Depository Group Meets

In November 1982, at the annual meeting of the Documents Section of NCLA, the members expressed concern over their long-standing problems in obtaining North Carolina state government publications and established an Ad Hoc Committee on the State Documents Depository System to see what could be done to improve the situation. The main problems that were discussed were finding out that a new document exists, determining where to obtain a copy, obtaining a copy before the supply is exhausted, and for depository libraries, obtaining a copy without charge, as specified in the depository law. (Unlike the depository system for federal documents, North Carolina does not have a centralized distribution system for state publications. It is one of nine states without such a system.)

The ad hoc committee met twice during the year, and in a meeting in October, decided to form a task force with staff members of some state agencies and some members of the ad hoc committee. This State Agency Task Force would investigate distribution methods for North Carolina state documents, research alternatives to the present system, and recommend changes in the depository laws, perhaps in the 1985 legislature.

Among the possible changes in the depository law could be expanding the program to include public libraries, establishing a central agency to serve as a distribution center, broadening the definition of a state publication, and requiring state agencies to send their publications to a central distribution agency instead of merely responding to requests from depository libraries, as is the present case.

The chair of the State Agency Task Force is Cheryl McLean, documents librarian, Division of State Library. The first meeting of the State Agency Task Force was scheduled for February 27.

Michael Cotter, ECU