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NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

From the President

North Carolina Libraries. Robert Burgin assumed the editorship of *NCL* with the Fall 1983 issue. Over three hundred pages have been published, and *NCL* remains one of the top journals in the field in the country. In addition to editing the journal, Robert has become a faculty member at North Carolina Central University's School of Library Science and also a doctoral student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. With these new demands on his time, he felt it was necessary to relinquish the editorship, and with reluctance but with appreciation for his superior work, the president and the board have accepted his resignation. This is his last issue. Having had a bit of editorship experience, I know what work it can be. Having worked with Robert Burgin, I know how much he put into seeing that *NCL* continued to be an outstanding journal for which NCLA can be proud. He is a real pro in every sense of the word, and he will be missed. Our sincere thanks for an outstanding job and best wishes in his new ventures.

The new editor will be Patsy Hansel, associate director of the Cumberland County Public Library and associate editor of *NCL* for the past two years. The board approved the president's appointment at the spring workshop, and we look forward to her work in this post. She is active in NCLA, a gifted writer, and a first class administrator. And, it should be noted, Patsy is the first woman editor of *NCL* in at least twenty years. Congratulations, Patsy, and welcome.

Raleigh and the Legislature. My car seems to be on automatic pilot when I get on Interstate 85 heading to Raleigh, so often have I been there in the last several months. One of the most pleasant occasions was the reception honoring the North Carolina legislators, which was jointly sponsored by the NCLA Public Library Section, the NCLA Trustees Section, the NC Public Library Directors' Association, and the Friends of NC Public Libraries. Over one-half of the members of the NC legislature came to the beautiful reception held on May 2nd in the State Library, across the street from the Legislative Building. Secretary of

Cultural Resources Patric Dorsey was there to join with us in greeting the legislators and to speak to the group. It was proof that librarians are visible and working and lobbying effectively for the betterment of library services in North Carolina.

Another happy note is the introduction of Senate Bill 157, sponsored by Senators Hardison, *et al.*, and House Bill 301, sponsored by Representatives Watkins, *et al.* The bills have around fifty co-sponsors. They support the appropriation of the second three million dollar installment for aid to public libraries. The prospects for this increase look very good, but please make a note to speak with your legislators in support of the bills. North Carolina's public libraries are really coming into their own ... and not a minute too soon. Our congratulations to Nancy Bates, Louise Boone, Judith Sutton, Nancy Massey, and their respective groups who have worked so hard for this funding project.

Lindsey Leaves. Marge Lindsey, special consultant with the Division of the State Library for many years, has announced her retirement from the Division effective July 1st. This is a real loss for libraries all over North Carolina, for there is none finer than Marge Lindsey. She is constant in her support of the library movement, she is thorough in every endeavor she undertakes, and her interest in each of us throughout this great state has been sincere and far-reaching. If you know Marge personally, you are lucky. If you don't, you know her work well, for she edited for many years *Tar Heel Libraries*, which each NCLAer receives. To her we send our most hearty thanks and every best wish for the future.

Elections and Committees. In May you should have received your ballot for election of officers for the 1985-1987 biennium. They are due back by the end of the month, and we are hopeful that the results will be known in time to make the deadline for this issue. In the same mailing was a form from President-Elect Pauline Myrick asking for member input regarding committee assignments for the biennium. If you didn't receive one, drop her a note and express your willingness to

serve on a committee and in which committee you are most interested.

Futures Committee. You will see in this issue, as well as in *Tar Heel Libraries*, a call from the chairman of the Futures Committee, Arabelle Fedora, for members to write about any suggestions for the improvement of NCLA as an organization. The committee has been working hard for many months, assembling data from across the country and within North Carolina. Their report is scheduled to be given to the Executive Board sometime in early 1986. The membership will be notified of their recommendations, and plenty of time will be given for reactions to the report prior to its being presented to the membership for consideration if, indeed, their report calls for any constitutional changes. (Note: I told the committee not to tell me anything about what they are considering, and they have kept that vow! I can't find out anything!)

Raleigh Conference. In this issue you will find preliminary reports on the plans for the October conference. It is an exciting one with many surprises in store. The speakers are excellent ones; the scheduling particularly good (some of the changes from past years are at the request

of sections of NCLA and the exhibitors). The president's dance will replace the president's reception, this being held immediately after the banquet; and everyone is invited, too. We are hoping for a surprise drop-in guest!

Young Librarians Award. The Junior Members Round Table, a section of NCLA, is offering an award to a young librarian who is making outstanding contributions to the library profession. It will be awarded at the Raleigh conference. Applications may be obtained from Vivian Beech, assistant director, New Hanover County Public Library, 201 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC 28401. The deadline is August 31, 1985. This is a marvelous gesture on the part of JMRT to recognize some of the outstanding new talent in the library profession in our state.

Library Trivia. In the course of filling out the myriad of forms and questionnaires which I get, and thanks to super treasurer Eunice Drum and the Secretary of State's office, the following was found. The founding date of NCLA was May 1904, and NCLA was incorporated on August 4, 1948.

Have a grand summer!

Leland M. Park, President.



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