

Report from the President

It continues to amaze me how active and cooperative North Carolina librarians are becoming. I see evidence every day where librarians in the state, through NCLA sections and committees, are no longer being defensive about their profession but are moving to the offensive. They are truly standing up to be counted. As an example, due partly to your letters, telephone calls, and other contacts, the past General Assembly's final version of the anti-obscenity law is almost meaningless. I would like to congratulate Ray Moore and the Intellectual Freedom Committee again, as well as the entire membership, on this fine effort.

The librarian's image in North Carolina has truly moved from the little old lady with "tenny" pumps to a genuine, interested professional who thinks, plans, and acts. Believe me when I say that the general public and administrators, as well as politicians, are now listening to what we have to say. Your concerted participation in your state professional organization accounts for some of this new support. None of your committees are on "stand-by." They are all headed by true leaders who are sincere in their efforts to help libraries, media centers, and learning re-

source centers, as well as the whole profession, to progress. They are literally spending days at the time in their attempts to provide the guidance we have been needing so desperately for decades. They are no longer thinking in terms of numbers of books or filmstrips, but are concerned with ideas, information and services.



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One of the priorities I identified upon accepting the gavel was to work toward genuine cooperation among all types of librarians and media coordinators in the state. After nine months in this office I can already see much evidence of cooperation. I am convinced that we can accomplish together what once we only dreamed about. Committee and section meetings I have attended recently have changed from the traditional "bitch" and pretty word sessions to contemporary and progressive planning sessions with action following immediately.

The philosophy of your new Executive Board is a good example of this. At their meeting in July, I think it quite significant that they agreed to fund in part the rather ambitious proposals of two new committees, the Public Relations Committee and the Audiovisual Committee, as well as an old committee with completely new objectives and approaches, the Governmental Relations Committee. Where we once only talked about what we should do to improve the profession, now we are finally getting around to actually doing something about it. Your First Vice-President, Annette Phinazee, is tentatively planning the 1975 Biennial Conference program along the lines of working together. She is still open to your suggestions concerning the program.

NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES, which is considered by many professionals to be one of the best state journals in the country, has been partly responsible for promoting this philosophy of cooperation. David Jensen, who has been serving as an excellent acting editor during 1974, certainly subscribes to this idea. Even while out of the state pursuing more graduate study, your editor Herbert Poole and editorial board member Leland Park devoted a large portion of their time and efforts to the publication and to NCLA projects in general. Watch for even more improvements in your journal soon. I would like to welcome Herb and Leland back to the state. It is this type of participation that makes for a strong organization.

Unfortunately, Grey Cole who was chairing the Ad Hoc Committee on a State Depository System has accepted an out-of-state position and will be leaving us. M. Sangster Parrott at UNC-G has agreed to take over this responsibility. We also were saddened by the news of the death of our former Executive Secretary, Nancy Moss. A gift in her memory has been sent to our Scholarship Fund.

Section heads have informed me of workshops, tutorials, and work conferences being planned for the fall. Contact them for dates and locations of these stimulating sessions. There is something for every librarian in NCLA if you would just take advantage of the many offerings. You can never accuse your organization of not providing benefits. A new section will soon be established concerned with children's services. Be on the alert for their organizational meeting if this happens to be among your interests.

Some interest has been voiced concerning the possibility of giving NCLA a new look through a reorganization based on interest areas rather than type of library. A committee will be appointed soon to inquire into this significant matter.

I would like to thank all of you for your outstanding support. Together, we will move "Right On."

Library Director Needed

M.L.S. from A.L.A. accredited school. Experience required. Salary based on N.C. pay schedule. Send resume' to Mrs. Harold L. Waters, Chairman Onslow County Library Board, 208 Henderson Drive, Jacksonville, N. C. 28540.