Pre-Conferences

Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Readers’ Advisory (AND Were Afraid Your Patrons Would Ask)

Sponsors: Reference and Adult Services Section and Public Library Section

The day-long pre-conference featured three readers’ advisory experts: Duncan Smith, creator and product manager of NoveList, the readers’ advisory resource of EBSCO Publishing; Robert Burgin, professor at the School of Library and Information Science at North Carolina Central University; and Nancy Pearl, creator of the “One Book, One Community” movement and book reviewer for National Public Radio.

Michael Parker, North Carolina author of three novels, was the luncheon speaker.

Planning and Implementing Effective In-House Staff Training

Sponsor: Library Administration and Management Section

This day-long session provided tools, techniques, and practice related to an effective needs assessment. Presenters were Raye Oldham, State Library of North Carolina; Michele Hayslett, North Carolina State University; Georgia Williams, Chowan College; Julie Goyette, High Point Public Library; and Beth Hayden, Wake County Public Library.

Survey Says! How to Conduct Surveys

SOLINET staff presented a day-long session on conducting surveys that are statistically significant and selecting the best surveys.

Oh, The Places You’ll Go! Streaming Audiobooks Any Time, Any Place

Sponsors: Public Library Section and Audiovisual Committee

The half-day presentation introduced streaming audiobooks and addressed products, vendors, budget alternatives, benefits, equipment, and benefits of consortium membership.
Executive Board Dinner

The Early Bird Reception on Tuesday evening gave early arrivals a head start on networking.

Opening General Session
Opening remarks were made by NCLA President Pauletta Bracy, Winston-Salem Mayor The Honorable Allen Jones, Forsyth County Commissioners Chair Gloria Whisenhunt, and Library Director Lynn Sutton of Z. Smith Reynolds Library at Wake Forest University. Motivational speaker and award-winning coach Herman Boone addressed the conference with a presentation about respect, teamwork, community involvement, and the importance of character.

Exhibits
The exhibits opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

Z. Smith Reynolds Library at Wake Forest University provided an Internet Café for conference attendees.
Approach Life with Humor
Sponsor: North Carolina Library Paraprofessional Association
Motivational speaker/humorist Al Yountz explained the importance of humor and laughter in the workplace and how it affects our well-being. He suggested changes in attitude and behavior that will enhance stress tolerance and gave tips on reducing stress and increasing job performance and career satisfaction.

President’s Endowment Dinner
This was the first event held to raise funds for the NCLA Endowment. Larry Hamlin, founder, producer, and artistic director of the North Carolina Black Repertory Company, performed work from the 9th National Black Theatre Festival.

Thursday September 22, 2005
Ogilvie Lecture
The Ogilvie Lecture, named for former State Librarian Philip Ogilvie, was keynoted by Dr. Wayne A. Wiegand, the William F. Summers Professor of Library and Information Studies at Florida State University and Executive Director of Beta Phi Mu. He addressed the concept of “library as place,” which is based on his interest in the library as a popular culture institution. The text of his address is included in this conference issue.
Four Library School Receptions gave conference attendees an opportunity to meet with former classmates. How many do you recognize?
All Conference Reception
The reception was hosted by the Z. Smith Reynolds Library at Wake Forest University.

Friday September 23, 2005

All Conference Breakfast
Robert Burgin, NCLA President-Elect, presided at the membership breakfast during which several members reported on NCLA President Bracy’s initiatives. The featured speaker was Emyl Jenkins, Raleigh native, antiques appraiser, and author.

All Conference Lunch and Closing General Session
Ron Jones, retired public librarian from Wake County, shared his interest in stories.

The installation of new officers and prize drawings were highlights of this session.