

Report From The President

It has been most exciting to meet with several groups of librarians this fall, to learn more about their activities, and to try to promote our goal of working together.

There were two opportunities to get acquainted with school librarians — a meeting with the senior high school media resource teachers of Cumberland County and the Biennial Work Conference of the North Carolina Association of School Librarians. NCASL is the largest section of NCLA and their legislative activity in 1976 was very successful. The conference program and the attendance were excellent.

The State Library hearings have continued in Winston-Salem, Charlotte, and Greenville. It was good to have David McKay, the new State Librarian, join us in Winston-Salem. David has already demonstrated his commitment to assume responsibility for coordinating services by deciding to move the Union Catalog from UNC/Chapel Hill to the State Library. We must cooperate with him if he is to succeed.

There appeared to be a consensus of opinion at the meeting of the Documents Librarians of North Carolina that they have benefitted from becoming a section of NCLA. They will be busy, because they have assumed responsibility for getting legislation to improve access to state documents and they are working on a workshop which should have region-wide interest.

There were two exciting events on October 21, and I regret that I could attend only one of them. The Junior Members Round Table made us all very proud with their two-day Legislative Workshop (I did get there on the 22nd).

The entire NCLA membership would have been stimulated by the discussions. The "youngsters" were urged to continue their fine efforts. They are our future! I represented the Association at the second meeting of the Planning Council on Indian Library and Information Services in Apex on October 21st. American Indians are our third largest group of citizens in this state and they deserve our support. Watch for ways to help them get librarians, libraries, library services.

This page is written on the eve of my departure for the biennial conference of the Southeastern Library Association. The new Executive Director, Johnnie Givens, has been appointed; copies of the Survey report, *Libraries and Library Services in the Southeast*, have been received; and a meeting of the ten state presidents has been scheduled for November 3rd. Let us hope that these elements can be combined to dramatically advance library services in North Carolina and the Southeast.



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