



State Library *UPdate*

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DR. SEUSS

State Librarian Mary Boone, Retires January 1, 2012

Just before I walk out the door of the State Library for the last time as State Librarian, I wanted to take advantage of this opportunity to thank you and all the librarians and library staff who work so hard and do so much to make libraries in North Carolina the great places of learning and inspiration that they are.

It has meant a great deal to me to have the opportunity to come home to North Carolina after a long absence and spend the last six years of my professional career working with you all. I only regret that I was unable to visit every library, meet every library staff member, and meet all of your Trustees and Friends, because it is all of you who have made being State Librarian of North Carolina so very special.



Secretary Linda Carlisle and Mary at NCPLDA awards banquet.

I am very proud of the great staff at the State Library, who work so hard in increasingly straitened circumstances, to make ours one of the best state libraries in the country. During the past six years we have accomplished a great deal – the naming of our 199 year old library as the NC Government & Heritage Library, and within it the creation of our Digital Information Management Program, which in a few short years has become a recognized national leader in the area of digital stewardship. We have completed the transition from analog to digital in our Talking Books program at the Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped, and I am pleased to report that our oldest audio book reader, who is 109, was thrilled to receive this great new technology. We completed the ten-year inventory of cultural institutions in North Carolina that are now represented in the NC ECHO Final Report, and we have moved beyond identification and into digitization with the creation of the NC Digital Heritage Center and preservation through the IMLS Connecting to Collections grant. We have begun what we hope will eventually lead to a statewide public library card, but will at the very least provide greater discovery and sharing of North Carolina public library resources through the NC Cardinal program. The mission statement that we created several years ago says that we are the “catalyst” for exceptional library services in North Carolina, and that means that we could not do any of these things without partnerships with all of you and the libraries of North Carolina. (continued on page 2)

In the five full fiscal years that I have been State Librarian, the State Library has disseminated \$77.1 million in State Aid to Public Libraries and \$22.8 million in federal funds through the LSTA competitive grants and our statewide leadership programs. Those two numbers add up to \$99.9 million for libraries in North Carolina. Supported in part by these funds, during this time public libraries were visited by 195.7 million people who checked out 260.6 million books and other library resources. During these five years, public library visits increased by 14%, circulation of books and other library materials increased by 17%, and public access computer use increased by 21%.

But at the same time, just like you, the State Library has seen some difficult budget times – we have lost 22 positions and 64% of our program funds. But even as our funding was decreasing, we were still able to provide Continuing Education programs to more than 5,000 library staff, Trustees and Friends in North Carolina, including support of the NCLA Leadership Institute, and our highly successful Job Search Program which became the model for the national program funded by IMLS called Project Compass.

In spite of budget reductions, the State Library of North Carolina still has three very strong and viable programs: the Government & Heritage Library, the Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped, and our statewide Library Development program.

This coming year will be an exciting one for the State Library, which will be welcoming a new State Librarian and celebrating its 200th anniversary. I will still be around, since I already live in my retirement home. I shall look forward to seeing many of you, here and there, around North Carolina.

I wanted to end with an eloquent farewell quotation, but what I found was a wonderful down to earth remark that is attributed to that greatest of American authors – Dr. Seuss. Dr. Seuss says, “Don’t cry because it’s over. Smile because it happened.”

I will always smile when I remember all of you and all that we have done together during my time as State Librarian of North Carolina.

Mary Boone
State Librarian



2006 Smartest Card Campaign



2007 Swap and Chat Awards

Library Card Signup Spokesperson— Rocking the State

Beaux Foy, the lead singer for Airlie Down, is the state spokesperson for our Smartest Card campaign. September has come and gone, but our library card campaign continues. Beaux and the state library staff have visited public and school libraries throughout the state to encourage kids of all ages to get their library card. As demonstrated in students' comments, Beaux is making a true connection with the teens.

"Wow, is he really a rock star and he uses the library."

"I didn't know you could find all that stuff at the library, and that it was really free."

We have talked with over 2,100 kids in September, October and November. Librarians have reported increases in library card applications and student's interest in library resources. In many locations the public and school libraries are working together to host Beaux's visit—it has been a true collaborative effort and a wonderful way to strengthen the ties between our school and public libraries.

Visits will continue throughout the year with plans for a free concert during National Library Week. Anyone wishing to have Beaux visit their library should contact Pam Jaskot at pam.jaskot@ncdcr.gov.



Blue Ribbon Memories in the News

The State Library recently received some great press related to the Blue Ribbon Memories project. Blue Ribbon Memories: Your History of the NC State Fair is an online digital exhibit that features digitized historic documents related to the State Fair and also asks Fair attendees to submit their memories. Public enthusiasm was at its highest during the Fair this year, with over 80 stories and photos submitted. This enthusiasm was bolstered with help from the NC State Fair press office, as well as two media events. Lisa Gregory, staff member of the Library's Digital Information Management Program, was featured on WRAL's "Tar Heel Traveler" and WUNC's "The State of Things." Each segment talked about the digitization of Fair publications as well as the Library's efforts in capturing the unofficial history of the Fair from North Carolinians. You can see the WRAL spot at <http://www.wral.com/entertainment/statefair/video/10269369/#/vid10269369> and hear the more in-depth WUNC interview at http://wunc.org/tsot/archive/Blue_Ribbon_Memories.mp3/view. And, of course, you can always view or submit your State Fair Memories at the Blue Ribbon Memories site, statefair.ncdcr.gov.

Tar Heel Traveler: Stories from the Road

The State Library of North Carolina's North Carolina Library for the Blind and the Physically Handicapped and the Government and Heritage Library will be hosting a North Carolina Humanities Council Road Scholars program featuring Scott Mason, WRAL's "Tar Heel Traveler." The program will be held at the auditorium of the State Library/State Archives building (109 E. Jones Street) in downtown Raleigh.

Mr. Mason has traveled all over North Carolina and has uncovered hidden gems everywhere he goes. In this presentation, he celebrates the colorful characters, out-of-the-way places, and rich history of North Carolina. He will share with audiences the stories behind the stories. North Carolina is brimming with intriguing stories. To take a trip with the Tar Heel Traveler is to experience the wonderful nooks and crannies that form the bedrock of the state.

As part of the program we will be recognizing participants of the Library for the Blind and the Physically Handicapped new adult reading program. This year's theme was "Novel Destinations." This project is made possible by a grant from the North Carolina Humanities Council, a statewide nonprofit and affiliate of the National Endowment from the Humanities.



Date: December 9, 2011

Time: 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Location: Auditorium of 109 E. Jones Street, Raleigh – accessible entrance from Blount Street on east end of the building.

Contact: Catherine Rubin, Assistant Regional Librarian, Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, 919-733-4376

American Fact Finder Training

As a coordinating agency of NC State Data Center, the State Library of North Carolina has set up several workshops across the state. These workshops have been coordinated by Elizabeth Hayden, Demographics and Reference Librarian at the Government and Heritage Library. The training has been hosted by Councils of Government and attended by regional planners, researchers, business leaders, non-profits, and educators. Kelly Karres of the Regional Census office in Atlanta has led the workshops demonstrating the Census Bureau's new and powerful database, the American Fact Finder. AFF is the access point for 2010 census data and the American Community survey, which has replaced the census long-form and examines socio-economic characteristics about the American public. The all-day workshops have been held in Boone, Hickory, Pembroke, New Bern, Charlotte, Greensboro, Wilmington, Winston-Salem, Raleigh, Fayetteville and Sylva.

Educational Program for Homeschoolers

Government and Heritage Library and State Archives staff hosted programs on August 22 and August 29 for a North Raleigh/Wake Forest homeschool co-op. Nine parents (teachers) and 30 students attended the two sessions to learn about the library and archives, how to use primary and secondary sources in research, and discover the wealth of information about North Carolina people, places, industry, events, culture, and society contained in historic state documents, letters, wills, records, newspapers, and family histories. The students also learned about how to participate in the National History Day program. Rebecca Hyman, Reference and Outreach Librarian and Jan Reagan, Director of the Government and Heritage Library JoAnn Williford, former Education Supervisor, N.C. Office of Archives and History and Debbi Blake, Public Services Branch Head, State Archives provided two separate 2-hour library educational programs for the homeschooled students, grades 1-12.



1st – 5th grade students were presented a session on historic newspapers. They viewed a print version of the 1858 Fayetteville Observer and various NC newspapers on microfilm to demonstrate how old newspapers can be used to discover and uncover not only news events of the time, but also social, cultural, and personal histories of North Carolinians and the state. The students then created their own individual issue of an 1858 newspaper on real newsprint, using authentic type face for titles and ads and historic clip-art drawings of people, animals, buildings, trains, etc. Each student wrote stories to accompany headlines and created original ads.

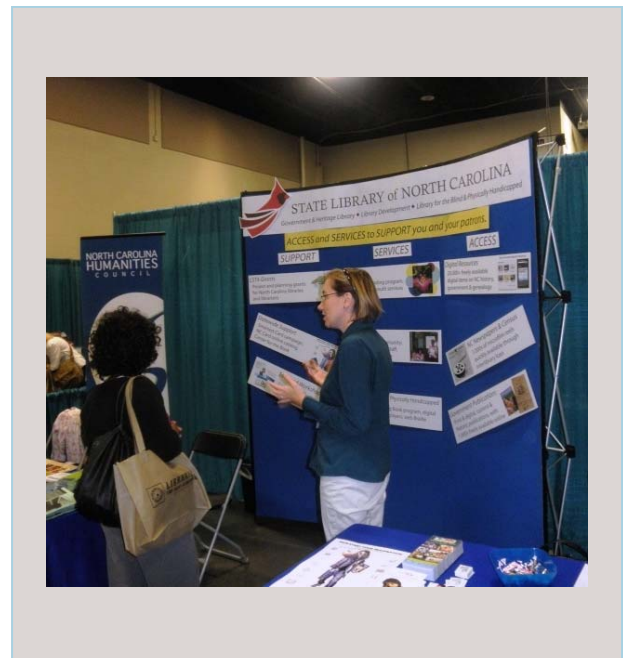
Students 6th – 12th grade were given a tour of the State Archives including a behind the scenes look at the stacks. During the visit to the State Archives students learned about primary sources and what kind of materials are kept in an archives. The students were also given a tour of the Government and Heritage Library and learned about library services, collections and resources. The students had the opportunity to use print and digital Government and Heritage Library resources, including books, reports, newspaper microfilm, NCPedia, and periodicals.

State Library @ NCLA Conference

State Library staff were very busy at this year's NCLA conference. Staff presented five programs and actively engaged with conference participants at the State Library booth in the vendor area.

2011 NCLA Conference Scholarships

The NCLA Conference scholarships, supported by an LSTA statewide leadership project, funded attendance at the biennial North Carolina Library Association (NCLA) conference in October 2011. The State Library awarded funds for 76 library staff from public and academic libraries who had never attended the NCLA Conference. Engagement in conversations with peers and attendance at workshops at the conference will spark innovative ideas in staff and inspire new or different ways of delivering programs and services to library users in the state. The scholarships covered conference registration (plus one year NCLA membership if needed), round trip mileage, and lodging.



The Resource Management Services Branch of the Government & Heritage Library has made it easier than ever to use the NC State Government Publications Collection with a new web site featuring improved searching and new Research Guides. The web site has a new URL, too: www.ncgovdocs.org. On the home page, visitors can use the "Search Our Collection" box to begin exploring the Collection, which now holds more than 8,000 born-digital and digitized NC state publications. Or visitors can use themed searches in the "Browse the Collection" menu to retrieve all state publications about education, transportation, African-American history, or other subjects. On the "State Agencies" page, every NC state agency is described. With a single click, users can retrieve all publications of a specific agency such as the NC Department of Insurance or the General Assembly. The "Research Guides" page links to informative pathfinders on digitized historical publications such as the *Session Laws* and the *Public Documents*, or on state publications on a specific subject such as the State Budget or women in North Carolina. The home page at www.ncgovdocs.org also has a rotating section that highlights features of the Collection such as its RSS feed or new additions, such as the NC State Fair *Premium Lists*. So use the new web site to find the NC state government publication that you need!

REMINDERS

EZ Grant Applications Now Available

New this year – applications may now be submitted online!!

2012-2013 EZ Grants

Complete guidelines, application instructions, and application forms for EZ Grants are now available; the application deadline is **February 16, 2012**. <<http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/lsta/2012-2013Grants.htm>>

- Library Outreach and Innovative Services Grant
- Planning Grant
- Strengthening Public & Academic Library Collections Grant
- Technology Grant (replaces Basic Equipment Grant)

The Overview of all 2012-2013 grant programs is available online. <<http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/lsta/Overview2012-13.pdf>> These LSTA funded grant programs are made possible by an award to the State Library of North Carolina from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Please direct any questions to Library Development staff at 919-807-7400 or Raye Oldham, Federal Programs Consultant, 919-807-7423, raye.oldham@ncdcr.gov.

Change in Genealogical Research Services Hours

As of September 12, 2011, the Genealogical Research Services section of the State Library's Government and Heritage Library is closed on Mondays. New service hours for Genealogical Research Services are Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The reduction in service hours is the result of budget restrictions; however, the Library remains committed to serving the needs of genealogy researchers. For more information about Genealogical Research Services in the State Library, call (919) 807-7460.