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Here are a few statistics about the [NCpedia](#) now that it has been live in its new format for two months! (It went live on [September 1, 2010](#).)

The NCpedia now has 657 pages and continues to grow! Recent additions include articles on [barbecue](#), [beer](#) and [Greenville](#).

Visitors from all 50 states and the District of Columbia have used the site. Additional visitors have come from 128 other countries. After the United States, the countries with the largest numbers of visitors include Canada (427), the UK (396), Saudi Arabia (158), Germany (143) and Australia (116).

The page that has been "rated" the most is the [State Symbols page](#). It's been rated by 112 people and has an average rating of it is 4.18 stars. (Five stars is the highest/best rating you can give a page.) The [Andrew Jackson page](#) has been rated 55 times and has an average rating of 4.01 stars. The [Plott Hound](#) entry has been rated 28 times and has an average rating of 4.5 stars.

An embeddable search widget is now available so patrons may execute an NCpedia search without leaving your library's Web site. Results will open in a new tab or window. Information on adding the search box to your library Web site is available at <http://ncpedia.org/widget>.

UPdate

The NCpedia is truly a collaborative effort! Content contributors have come from the North Carolina Office of Archives and History, the North Carolina Museum of History, NC Wildlife Resources Commission, UNC Chapel Hill Libraries' North Carolina Collection, the North Carolina Writers Network, the Government & Heritage Library and UNC Charlotte's North Carolina Atlas Revisited. Permission to reprint several articles was given from UNC Press and additional articles have come from individuals across the state on subjects in their fields of expertise and/or interest.

Reference questions have been posted to the NCpedia in the comments field in addition to general comments. Questions have come from the students, teachers, librarians and the public.

Improvements regarding the functionality of the site include the ability to browse topics alphabetically, and a list of the five entries that have been added or updated most recently now appears on the home page.

Jeopardy @ the State Library

On the first and third Thursdays of the month students participating in the Governor's Page Program have been visiting the Government and Heritage Library to learn about its collections and services. The 90-minute program is capped off by an exciting and engaging round of Jeopardy featuring North Carolina history and trivia. Visit the library's blog <<http://www.ghlblog.org>> to learn more.

How Many Could You Answer?????

NC History for \$400

Clue: A fun Fall event held in North Carolina's capital city that has its origins in the 1800's and was first devised to improve agriculture.

What is the... North Carolina State Fair?

NC History for \$600

Clue: Our capitol city is named after this English explorer.

Who is... Sir Walter Raleigh?

NC History for \$1000

Clue: In 1845 this North Carolina native becomes the 11th President of the United States.

Who is... James K. Polk?



LSTA Application Deadline February 11

February 17, 2011, will be here before you know it! That's the application due date for the following 2011-2012 EZ LSTA Grants: Basic Equipment; Planning; Strengthening Public and Academic Library Collections; and School Library Collection Development. Guidelines and application forms for these four programs will be posted on the State Library's LSTA web page December 16. See <<http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/lsta/2011-2012Grants.htm>> .

The Basic Equipment Grant program focuses on basic equipment to support user Internet access and other public access equipment to meet user needs. Planning Grants accommodate several kinds of planning — planning for future LSTA Project grants (such as Library Outreach Services, or NC ECHO Digitization), technology planning, and strategic planning for general programs and services. Strengthening Public and Academic Library Collection Grants support enhancing and improving book (in all formats) and DVD collections. School Library Collection Development Grants support enhancing and improving print book collections.

February 17 is also the deadline for full applications from libraries whose Letters of Intent have been approved for the Technology, Library Outreach Services and NC ECHO Digitization Grants. An Overview of 2011-2012 federally supported LSTA grant programs offered by the State Library is available at <<http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/lsta/Overview2011-12.pdf>> .

Libraries whose projects are approved for funding will be notified June 14, 2011. Implementation for 2011-2012 grants will begin July 1, 2011 and will end on June 30, 2012. Specific guidelines for the 2011-2012 EZ grants will be available in mid-December; until then the prior cycle (2010-2011) guidelines and applications may be viewed at <<http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/lsta/2010-2011Grants.htm>> .

Plan to discuss your ideas with your State Library liaison consultant or contact Raye Oldham, Federal Programs Consultant at 919-807-7423; <raye.oldham@ncdcr.gov> .

PRESERVATION

The North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources' State Library and State Archives (Cultural Resources) are proud to announce a new website to guide local and state government employees responsible for the preservation of our state's public record. The site, <<http://digitalpreservation.ncdcr.gov>>, has resources that can help North Carolina government employees – and those responsible for digital information in general – learn how to ensure that today's digital information is saved so that it can become tomorrow's heritage.

For those new to the concept, tutorials explain what digital preservation is and why it is important, and a checklist of key digital preservation practices helps integrate digital preservation activities into day-to-day workflows. For those already incorporating digital preservation into

their daily work, more advanced guidance is provided, including "quick tips," tutorials, institutions and research projects to watch, and much more. While the site is directed toward North Carolina public servants, it is general enough to be useful to those considering, implementing, or teaching on the topic.

We invite North Carolina government employees – and anyone interested in learning more about digital preservation – visit the website. Please direct questions to digital.info@ncdcr.gov and a Cultural Resources staff person will get in touch with you.



Commemorate the 150th

The Department of Cultural Resources is creating another traveling photo exhibit for 2011, encouraged by the success of both the 2009 *Telling Our Story* and the 2010 *Celebrating North Carolina* photography exhibits. The 2011 exhibit will include approximately 24 photos commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Any library system interested in hosting the exhibit should contact Pam Jaskot at pam.jaskot@ncdcr.gov or 919-807-7421.

Free Webinars for Library Staff

Online learning opportunities are a great way for library staff to develop their work and professional skills, especially when budgets and time are tight. Browse through and take advantage of the sessions scheduled for December 2010.

Serving the 21st Century Patron Day

12/1/2010 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (day1)

12/2/2010 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (day 2)

Topics will focus on the changing needs, approaches, challenges and opportunities related to customer service in your 21st Century library.

Beads, Bulbs, and Books: Bringing Home and Garden into the Library

12/7/2010 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Join crafts expert and Booklist reviewer Tina Coleman; Kansas City Public Library readers' advisory librarian Kaite Mediatore-Stover; and representatives from several publishing companies to learn about what's new in crafts and gardening books and how those books are used in the public library.

Lerner Publishing Group's Spring 2011 Librarian Preview

12/8/2010 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Get the inside scoop on upcoming series non-fiction, YA, graphic novels, and picture books for grades K-12. Plus learn about free discussion guides, downloads, and websites that make lesson planning easy.

Competency Cavalcade

12/9/2010 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

In this year-in-review session, WebJunction will discuss the powerful, free resources you can access to make competencies work for you and your library, including the new expanded and indexed document that can help you locate more customized competency resources.

New Technology Training Materials on WebJunction

12/14/2010 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Find out about WebJunction's newly developed training resources collection, and get tips and techniques for incorporating these materials into your public training programs. This webinar will be great for all public library trainers, whether you are a new technology trainer struggling to design your workshops for the first time, or a seasoned expert who just wants a few new ideas.

An Introduction to Digital Preservation

12/15/2010 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Join us for this 2-hour online webinar for an introduction to terms, concepts, and some methods for beginning your institution's foray into this important and challenging area. Expert presenters from the State Library of North Carolina's Digital Information Management Program include Lisa A. Gregory, Digital Projects Liaison; Jennifer Ricker, Digital Collections Manager; and Amy Rudersdorf, Director.

Check the NC Events Calendar often for free learning opportunities, or subscribe to the calendar's RSS feed for the most up-to-date information:
<http://host6.evanced.info/ncarolina/evanced/eventcalendar.asp>.

Staff Updates

[Rebecca Hyman](#) joined the Information Services Branch of the Government and Heritage Library on June 15, 2010 as Reference and Outreach Librarian. Previously, she worked in the Archives at Loyola University Chicago providing outreach and reference services. Rebecca coordinates the outreach and programming efforts for the Government and Heritage Library. She received her Masters of Library and Information Sciences from Dominican University.

The Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped recently hired several staff. Earlier this year, [Hal Starling](#) joined the circulation department. Patron Processing gained two new employees, [Anita Stack](#) and a new receptionist, [Ellie Ward](#). One of the Reader Advisors, [Clay Griffith](#) recently had a book published. The *Greyfriar* is the first of a trilogy and is described as a steampunk vampire novel.



[Grant Pair](#) has been named Director of the statewide NC Card project. This federally funded project was initiated in 2009 when the State Library and a group of public libraries formed the NC Card consortium to develop a public library shared catalog and eventually a statewide library card. The NC Card project includes the establishment and implementation of a shared integrated library system that will provide a union list of holdings of North Carolina's public libraries along with a union list of patron records. Grant is uniquely qualified to direct a major technical project like this one with his extensive experience in library technology at both the N.C. Community College System and the State Library of North Carolina.

[Laura O'Donoghue](#) recently joined the Library Development staff as the Consultant for Public Library Management. She has been a public library manager for the last twenty years, starting with a small community library on the U.S. Naval Station in Rota, Spain. After two years overseas, Laura returned to California and became a branch manager for the Livermore Public Library. In January 2000, she moved to the Contra Costa County Library, beginning as a manager of two community libraries and then serving as a Deputy County Librarian for the last 7 years.

Staff Updates



Diversity Choir Warms Up Their Vocals

Staff from the Department of Cultural Resources entertain at various events throughout the year. The talented choir includes staff from all departments and is directed by Lorice Hyman, from the State Library. Timothy Owens, library consultant, is the accompanist. The Choir is scheduled to perform at the State Capitol on December 9 at 3pm.



The State Library will be closed December 24, 25, 26 and 27 and January 1 for the holidays.