



## **Biennial Report | 2022-2024**

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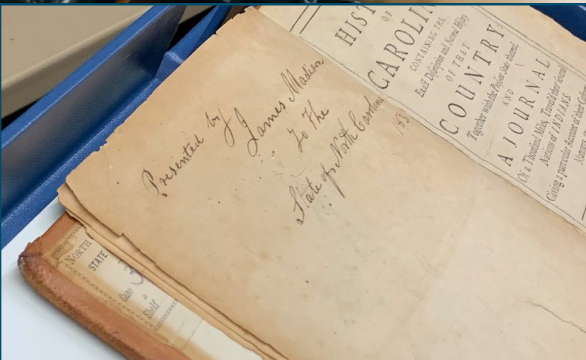
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## About the State Library of North Carolina

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The State Library of North Carolina is a Division of the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources with four Sections. These Sections are the **SLNC Accessible Books and Library Services**, the **SLNC Government and Heritage Library**, the **SLNC Library Development**, and the **SLNC Administration**.

SLNC Accessible Books and Library Services provides physical and digital materials, programs, and services to qualifying residents of North Carolina who have a reading or print disability. SLNC Government and Heritage Library is a hybrid library that is the permanent repository for state government publications, and collects and provides information about North Carolina government, history, culture, people, and environment. SLNC Library Development provides services to libraries across North Carolina, including the administration of state and federal grants, continuing education, a library catalog and resource sharing consortia, certification for public librarians, and statewide library programs and services. SLNC Administration includes administrative support, budget, the human resources liaison, and the communications team for the State Library.

All sections of the State Library of North Carolina serve individuals or institutions across all 100 North Carolina counties.



# Accessible Books & Library Services

Between July 2022 and June 2024, **SLNC Accessible Books & Library Services (ABLS)** continued to serve patrons in all 100 North Carolina counties, increased the size of its collections, increased use among patrons, and introduced new technologies at no cost to the patron. It provided outreach throughout the state to spread the word about its available services. It also conducted a robust volunteer program that helped in many ways, particularly, by creating audio recordings of North Carolina books and magazines in the library's own studios.

Public services provided customer service tailored to patron requests via phone, email, chat service, and in-person visits.

During the course of these two years, ABLS collaborated with numerous other institutions for programming and outreach and provided unique programming such as a **writing contest** and **seasonal reading programs** for adults and children. To focus on young patrons, ABLS hosted a regional braille literacy competition through the **Braille Challenge** in February 2023 and February 2024.

## Overview of Services

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State Library of North Carolina's Accessible Books & Library Services (ABLS) provides library materials, programs, and services free of charge to people with visual, physical, or reading disabilities that prevent them from using standard print books. It served approximately 10,000 individuals of all ages and institutions statewide. This library belongs to a national network of libraries coordinated by the Library of Congress's National Library Service for the Blind & Print Disabled (NLS).

## The Collection

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As of June 2024, the ABLS collection included 160,919 titles. This extensive collection provided the types of books one would find in a public library: genres such as literary novels, science fiction novels, mysteries, and general nonfiction in audio, braille, and large print formats for those unable to use standard print



books. Over 10,000 titles in different formats were added in each of the two fiscal years covered in this report.

The collection also included a wide range of literature available in languages other than English, such as Spanish, French, Russian, Hindi, Navajo, Japanese, Hebrew, Chinese, and Swahili. The library distributed books, magazines, and equipment via the US Postal Service's Free Matter for the Blind program, and there was no charge to patrons for returning items through US mail.

Audio books and magazines were also distributed electronically through a digital system called **Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD)**.



*A stack of talking books organized in the ABLS warehouse*

## North Carolina Books and Magazines



*An ABLS staff member working on a talking book project at the in-house studio*

The ABLS library building included two in-house studios where volunteers recorded books and magazines about North Carolina, books by North Carolina writers, and North Carolina magazines. Magazines included: Carolina Country; Our State: Celebrating North Carolina; North Carolina Historical Review; and Wildlife in North Carolina. The studios also recorded Tar Heel Talk, the SLNC ABLS newsletter.

## Public Services

SLNC ABLIS had five full-time reader advisors, and a four-person Patron Processing unit to handle transactions with patrons and the public from across the state. Patron Processing primarily handled patron applications and patron record updates. Reader advisors provided customer service in-person and via phone calls, emails, chat service, and US mail correspondence; they also selected books for patrons tailored to each patron's preferences.

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## Public Services Stats, 2022-2023

Circulation of Books through US Mail 885,346

Braille & Audio Downloads..... 141,503

Public Service Contacts ..... 18,844

Number of Applicants ..... 1,318

## 2023-2024

Circulation of Books through US Mail 746,038

Braille & Audio Downloads..... 142,795

Public Service Contacts ..... 15,537

Number of Applicants .....1,301

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## Technology

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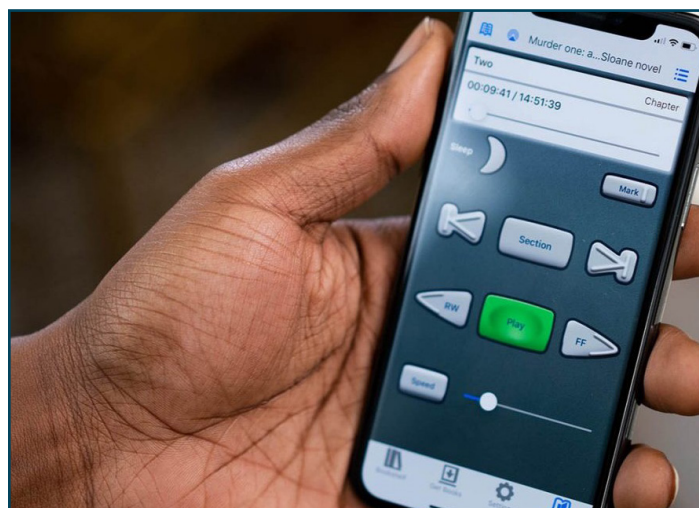


*A talking book player (left) and cartridge inside a mailing case.*

## Audio Devices

Patrons had several options for listening to audio books:

- Digital players that played audio books from cartridges mailed to patrons and loaded with eight or more books per cartridge, and/or books downloaded from BARD onto thumb drives.
- Android phones, iPhones, iPads, or Kindle Fire devices that played audio books using free apps designed for them.
- Windows PCs, using BARD Express, an application that allowed them to download and listen to titles.



*The BARD Mobile app displayed on an iPhone*

## Braille E-Readers

Zoomax braille e-reader devices were provided by National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled through ABLIS for any patron who requested them. In 2023/24, ABLIS sent out over 200 e-readers. These e-readers had tiny tactile pins that moved up and down mechanically to form braille words



so that a patron could access braille e-books and magazines using the BARD system, which made available over 16,000 braille titles.

## Volunteer and Outreach Services

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### Volunteers



*An ABLS staff member engaging with a family at a public event*

The ABLS volunteer program coordinated the volunteers who recorded books and magazines, assisted with braille production of materials, performed administrative work, and helped with mailings.



*ABLS volunteers at the 2024 Volunteer Recognition Luncheon*

In Fiscal Year 2022/23, a total of 65 volunteers worked 3,373 hours. Twenty studio volunteers recorded 34 magazines, six digital books, and four online newsletters.

In Fiscal Year 2023/24, a total of 65 volunteers worked a total of 4,154 hours. 34 studio volunteers recorded 50 magazines and eight digital books and four online newsletters.

Through funding from the Friends of ABLS organization, the library co-hosted a volunteer recognition luncheon both years to recognize the volunteers for their work.

### Outreach

ABLS staff included two positions dedicated to outreach activities: an Outreach Librarian and an Outreach Specialist.

Between 2022-2024, the Outreach Specialist provided presentations throughout the state virtually and in-person at Division of Services for the Blind Daily Living Skills events, retirement communities, and public libraries. He attended low vision resource

fairs and low vision group meetings as well. He also provided tours to numerous groups, including new public library directors at the State Library's New Public Library Orientation. During the 2023/2024 fiscal year, he spoke to approximately 226 people.

He provided presentations at conferences for the North Carolina Library Association, NC Chapters of the National Federation of the Blind in Charlotte and the North Carolina Council of the Blind's at-large virtual group, and also in-person at that organization's annual meeting in Greensboro.

In summer 2024, SLNC ABLS Volunteer and Outreach Services hosted an intern through the 2024 Historically Black Colleges and Universities/Minority Institutions of Higher Education (HBCU/MIHE) Summer Internship Program. She provided support to volunteers, contributed to the ABLS newsletter, reached out to potential community organizations that could benefit from ABLS service, and also participated in outreach events, including the Summer Reading Kickoff.

## Braille Challenge

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On February 11, 2023, ABLS hosted its first **Eastern North Carolina Braille Challenge**.



*Participants at the 2024 Eastern NC Braille Challenge at the School for the Blind*

This event was part of a national braille literacy competition organized by the Braille Institute in California. The Eastern North Carolina event was held at the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources building in Raleigh. In addition to the competition itself, the event included programs for parents/guardians about summer activities available to students and featured a visit by animals from the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences. Twelve students attended, along with parents, and over thirty volunteers. Student scores are compared nationally, so students at each competition aren't only competing against the individuals at their location, but against all who are participating across the country. One participant at the 2023 Eastern North Carolina Braille Challenge went on to the national competition in 2023.

On February 19, 2024, ABLS hosted its second Eastern North Carolina Braille Challenge at the Governor Morehead School in Raleigh. With the help of over thirty volunteers from Governor Morehead School, NC Department



of Natural & Cultural Resources, and NC Services for the Blind. 21 contestants participated, and one student from this group was among the highest scorers nationally for her age group. She later attended the National Braille Challenge event in California was awarded second place nationally.



*A Braille Challenge participant walking through a cane tunnel*

## Seasonal and Monthly Programs

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### Book Discussion Groups

ABLS staff led two monthly book discussion groups, one hybrid in-person/virtual group in Raleigh and another by conference call with a group in the Charlotte area.

### Seasonal Reading Programs

ABLS hosted Summer Reading and Winter Reading contests both years. The Friends of ABLS provided prizes to top readers and those who read above a certain number of books for these contests.

## Writing Contest

A contest for best original stories, novel excerpts, poems, songs, and more was organized by the library. The Friends of ABLS provided prizes for the top award winners. The top three award winning pieces and the honorable mentions had their work recorded in the ABLS recording studios and the collection of pieces were made available through the library as circulating audio materials.

## Collaborations

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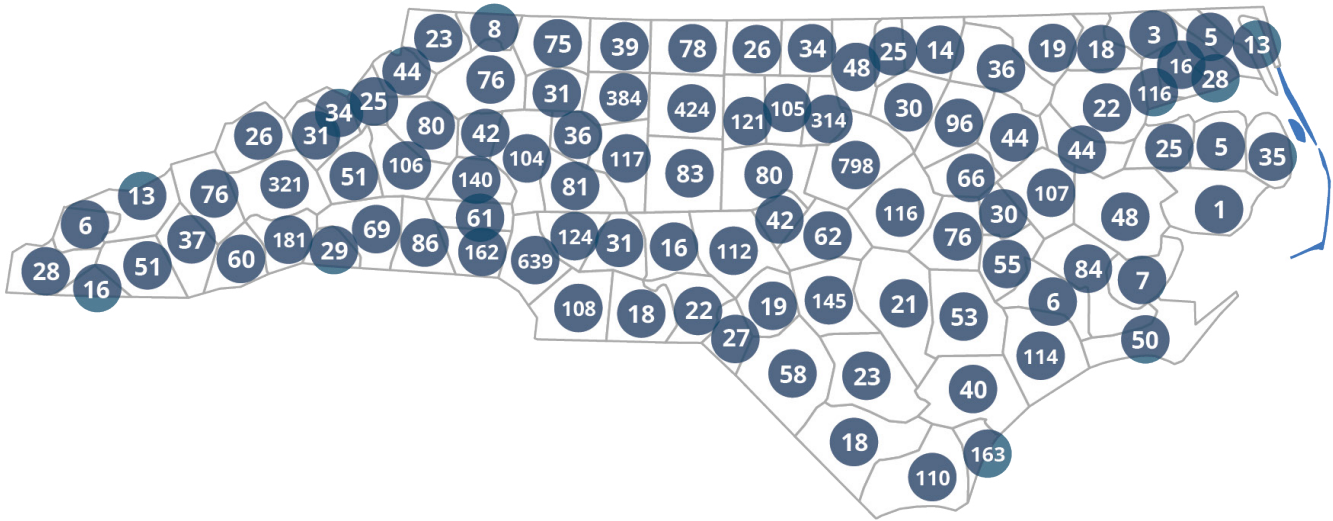
Programs and outreach activities offered opportunities for collaborating with other groups who work with existing and potential SLNC ABLS patrons. During both years, ABLS collaborated with several organizations, including Governor Morehead School for the Blind, Braille Institute, Eye Shine Foundation, and North Carolina Division of Services for the Blind.

ABLS also partnered with North Carolina Reading Service for the podcast **Heard Any Good Books Lately?** Through this podcast, the most popular books checked out of the library were discussed. It included book reviews from sources such as the Raleigh News & Observer book section and The Week Magazine. The podcast was linked to the SLNC ABLS website and was also available on the North Carolina Reading Service's website.



# ABLS PATRONS PER COUNTY

## AS OF MAY 2024



*Caption: The ABLs Patrons per County chart illustrates patrons per county as of May 2024. See this chart's source data and details below.*

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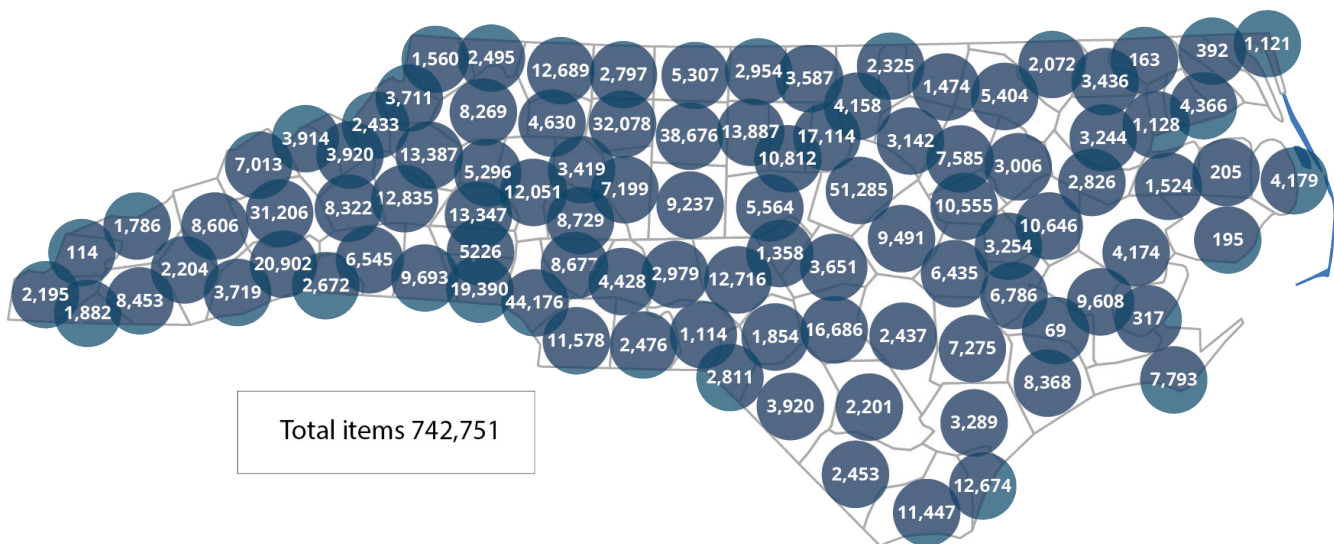
• Alamance, 119	• Cherokee, 28	• Granville, 55	• Martin, 30
• Alexander, 41	• Chowan, 15	• Greene, 30	• McDowell, 45
• Alleghany, 7	• Clay, 15	• Guilford, 424	• Mecklenburg, 637
• Anson, 19	• Cleveland, 86	• Halifax, 36	• Mitchell, 35
• Ashe, 24	• Columbus, 17	• Harnett, 59	• Montgomery, 16
• Avery, 25	• Craven, 82	• Haywood, 79	• Moore, 107
• Beaufort, 50	• Cumberland, 149	• Henderson, 177	• Nash, 93
• Bertie, 23	• Currituck, 15	• Hertford, 17	• New Hanover, 152
• Bladen, 22	• Dare, 36	• Hoke, 22	• Northampton, 20
• Brunswick, 100	• Davidson, 120	• Hyde, 1	• Onslow, 117
• Buncombe, 314	• Davie, 33	• Iredell, 102	• Orange, 104
• Burke, 102	• Duplin, 53	• Jackson, 33	• Pamlico, 8
• Cabarrus, 125	• Durham, 305	• Johnston, 114	• Pasquotank, 26
• Caldwell, 83	• Edgecombe, 43	• Jones, 6	• Pender, 42
• Camden, 5	• Forsyth, 376	• Lee, 38	• Perquimans, 14
• Carteret, 58	• Franklin, 32	• Lenoir, 55	• Person, 33
• Caswell, 26	• Gaston, 164	• Lincoln, 57	• Pitt, 103
• Catawba, 130	• Gates, 3	• Macon, 54	• Polk, 27
• Chatham, 80	• Graham, 6	• Madison, 55	• Randolph, 81

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- Richmond, 20
- Robeson, 52
- Rockingham, 75
- Rowan, 79
- Rutherford, 68
- Sampson, 20
- Scotland, 26
- Stanly, 29
- Stokes, 38
- Surry, 74
- Swain, 13
- Transylvania, 59
- Tyrrell, 5
- Union, 104
- Vance, 27
- Wake, 831
- Warren, 13
- Washington, 26
- Watauga, 44
- Wayne, 75
- Wilkes, 76
- Wilson, 64
- Yadkin, 29
- Yancey, 37
- Totals, 7,919

## ABLS CIRCULATION PER COUNTY

### JUNE 2023 - JUNE 2024



*Caption: The ABLS Circulation per County chart illustrates circulated materials per county from June 2023 to June 2024. See this chart's source data below:*

- Alamance, 13,887
- Alexander, 5,296
- Alleghany, 2,495
- Anson, 2,476
- Ashe, 1,560
- Avery, 2,433
- Beaufort, 4,174
- Bertie, 3,244
- Bladen, 2,201
- Brunswick, 11,447
- Buncombe, 31,206
- Burke, 12,835
- Cabarrus, 8,677
- Caldwell, 13,387
- Camden, 392
- Carteret, 7,793
- Caswell, 2,954
- Catawba, 13,347
- Chatham, 5,564
- Cherokee, 2,195
- Chowan, 1,128
- Clay, 1,882
- Cleveland, 9,693
- Columbus, 2,453
- Craven, 9,608
- Cumberland, 16,686
- Currituck, 1,121
- Dare, 4,179
- Davidson, 7,199
- Davie, 3,419
- Duplin, 7,275
- Durham, 17,114
- Edgecombe, 3,006
- Forsyth, 32,078
- Franklin, 3,142
- Gaston, 19,390

- Gates, 163
- Graham, 114
- Granville, 4,158
- Greene, 3,254
- Guilford, 38,676
- Halifax, 5,404
- Harnett, 3,651
- Haywood, 8,606
- Henderson, 20,902
- Hertford, 3,436
- Hoke, 1,854
- Hyde, 195
- Iredell, 12,051
- Jackson, 2,204
- Johnston, 9,491
- Jones, 69
- Lee, 1,358
- Lenoir, 6,786
- Lincoln, 5,226
- Macon, 8,453
- Madison, 7,013
- Martin, 2,826
- McDowell, 8,322
- Mecklenburg, 44,176
- Mitchell, 3,920
- Montgomery, 2,979
- Moore, 12,716
- Nash, 7,585
- New Hanover, 12,674
- Northampton, 2,072
- Onslow, 8,368
- Orange, 10,812
- Pamlico, 317
- Pasquotank, 2,182
- Pender, 3,289
- Perquimans, 2,184
- Person, 3,587
- Pitt, 10,646
- Polk, 2,672
- Randolph, 9,237
- Richmond, 1,114
- Robeson, 3,920
- Rockingham, 5,307
- Rowan, 8,729
- Rutherford, 6,545
- Sampson, 2,437
- Scotland, 2,811
- Stanly, 4,428
- Stokes, 2,797
- Surry, 12,689
- Swain, 1,786
- Transylvania, 3,719
- Tyrrell, 205
- Union, 11,578
- Vance, 2,325
- Wake, 51,285
- Warren, 1,474
- Washington, 1,524
- Watauga, 3,711
- Wayne, 6,435
- Wilkes, 8,269
- Wilson, 10,555
- Yadkin, 4,630
- Yancey, 3,914
- Totals, 742,751

# Government & Heritage Library

The State Library of North Carolina's **Government and Heritage Library (GHL)** is a hybrid library that offers in-person and virtual library services and collections.

Between 2022-2024, the library provided direct reference and information services and resources to support the operational needs of state government and research needs of the public related to North Carolina government, history, demographics, statistics, and cultural heritage, including family history. It served as the permanent repository for state agency publications and collected, preserved, and provided public access to current and historical state publications in print and digital formats. SLNC GHL served as a coordinating agency of the State Data Center, responsible for providing direct reference and research services, access tools, and training for librarians, state employees, and the public related to state demographic and statistical data.

SLNC GHL has been comprised of two branches: **Content and Information Delivery** (reference and access services, outreach

and education, and digital information management services) and **Content Management and Access** (cataloging, collection development, State Publications Clearinghouse, and acquisitions). SLNC GHL was an active member of NC Cardinal, ([see page 16 for additional information about NC Cardinal](#)) a consortium of North Carolina public libraries that share an online catalog and integrated library system (ILS) and share resources with member libraries.

## Digital Collections and Digital Initiatives



*The NC Digital Collections website home page*



The library collaborated with the State Archives of North Carolina on shared digital collections (NC Digital Collections), state government agency website archiving, and digital preservation. One of the major initiatives this biennium was the move of the digital collections from one digital asset management system (CONTENTdm) to another (Quartex). The reason for the migration was that Quartex is a more accessible, searchable, and user-friendly platform.

In moving the digital materials to a new platform, all of the URLs for individual publications changed. As such, this resulted in a lower number of pageviews for the collections for FY2022-23 and FY2023-24 than in previous years. The total pageviews were 6,198,891. It was several months before search engines like Google were able to fully index the site. To help ensure the digital publications remained accessible, library staff updated the approximately 12,000 URLs in the library's online catalog and other tools to provide access points to the digital publications. Additionally, staff provided lists of the new state publications' URLs to State Publications Clearinghouse depository libraries so they could similarly replace links in their online catalogs.

Work to digitize and make additional state documents available online continued, and 144,309 pages were digitized between July 2022 and June 2024. Through a collaborative project with the North Carolina Legislative

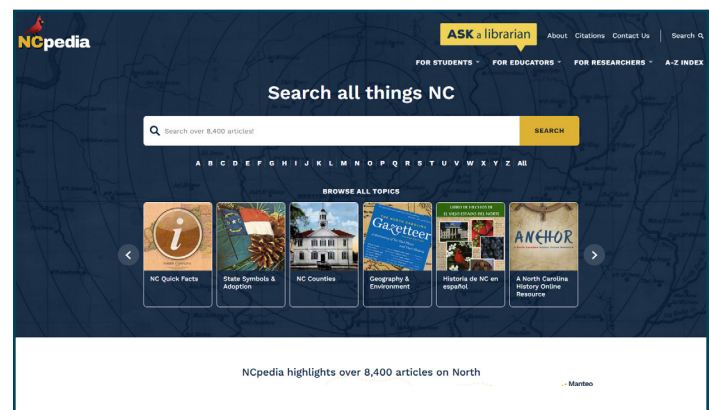
Library, SLNC GHIL staff began to digitize superseded state statutes and added them to the North Carolina Digital Collections.

## North Carolina Website and Social Media Archives

State government agency websites and social media were preserved and made available through the [North Carolina Website and Social Media Archives](https://www.webarchives.ncdcr.gov) (<https://www.webarchives.ncdcr.gov>). The North Carolina Website and Social Media Archives website received 13,173 pageviews, and the archived sites themselves had 358,458 pageviews between July 2022 and June 2024.

The digital storage originally purchased for digital preservation for the SLNC GHIL and State Archives was at end of life in this biennium. As the teams investigated new solutions, the storage had a catastrophic failure. Fortunately, the Library and Archives utilized a cloud based digital preservation system and service, and the no archived digital publications managed by SLNC GHIL were lost.

## NCpedia and ANCHOR



*The NCpedia online encyclopedia home page*



NCpedia and ANCHOR (A North Carolina History Online Resource) proved to be heavily used resources for students, educators, and researchers. The sites had 9,554,269 visitors to the over 8,000 articles available. The content management system used for NCpedia and ANCHOR required updating, and the sites needed improved functionality in order to be fully accessible on mobile devices. SLNC GHIL contracted with a third party vendor to update the content management system and redesign the sites. This initiative was not completed until December 2024 (beyond the biennium covered.)

## Outreach, Education, and Reference



*A GHIL staff member sharing an interactive state trivia display with visitors at a public event*

Coming out of the pandemic, GHIL continued to offer both virtual and in person programming. Additionally, staff presented at and attended 102 educational events reaching 3,798 individuals. Recordings of virtual

presentations by GHIL were also made available for on-demand viewing through the SLNC Academy, offered through the Niche Academy platform.”

[\(See page 20 for additional information about the SLNC Academy.\)](#)

SLNC GHIL provided reference service to 8,414 patrons through email, chat, and walk-in service. It issued 10,525 library cards to North Carolina residents. The card enabled patrons not only to check materials out of the GHIL, but also provided online access to subscription databases that allowed for off-site access.

SLNC GHIL participated in the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources’s America 250 Committee to plan for the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. Planning started in advance of the anniversary date in order to highlight the state’s deep resources about its role in the Revolution.



*GHIL staff members hosting NC Trivia Night with state of NC trivia aficionados at the Raleigh Times*

# Excel High School

The SLNC GHF managed scholarships to Excel High School, an online, accredited high school program for adults wishing to return to school to complete a high school diploma. Excel High School offered unlimited tutoring and educational resources in a large number of languages. The State Library began providing scholarships in the fall of 2023 through a grant through Library Services and Technology Act funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Thirty scholarships were available to applicants in Wayne, Halifax, Northampton, and Hertford Counties. The scholarships went quickly, and interest was expressed from across the state. As such, the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources was able to direct additional funds to obtain another 130 scholarships to offer to North Carolina residents interested in the program.

Scholarship recipients were able to use online resources from the SLNC GHF and from their local public libraries to assist with their studies. The public libraries in New Hanover, Wayne, and Halifax counties hosted graduation ceremonies so program graduates in their areas could celebrate completing their education and obtaining their diploma with family and friends. As of June 2023, 11 scholarship recipients had graduated and earned their diplomas through the Excel High School program. As of June 2023, there were 72 scholarship recipients enrolled and actively pursuing their diplomas, and 38 working through the required prework in order to enroll.

## Collections



*A Display of North Carolina State Government publications, and a display on "All Things North Carolina" at the GHL*

SLNC GHL purchased titles related to North Carolina culture, history, and genealogy. Print and digital state government publications continued to be collected and added. This resulted in more than 4700 new titles being added to the SLNC GHL holdings between July 2022 and June 2024.

Some SLNC GHL materials had to remain onsite and could not be loaned. Over 27,000 items were used onsite by researchers during this period.

To ensure its collections were available to all North Carolina residents, SLNC GHL loaned materials through the **NC Cardinal consortium and interlibrary loan services**. Over 8,400 items were loaned from SLNC GHL



to individuals, either directly from the library, through resource sharing with NC Cardinal, or through interlibrary loan. Items were loaned to individuals in at least 65 counties in North Carolina.

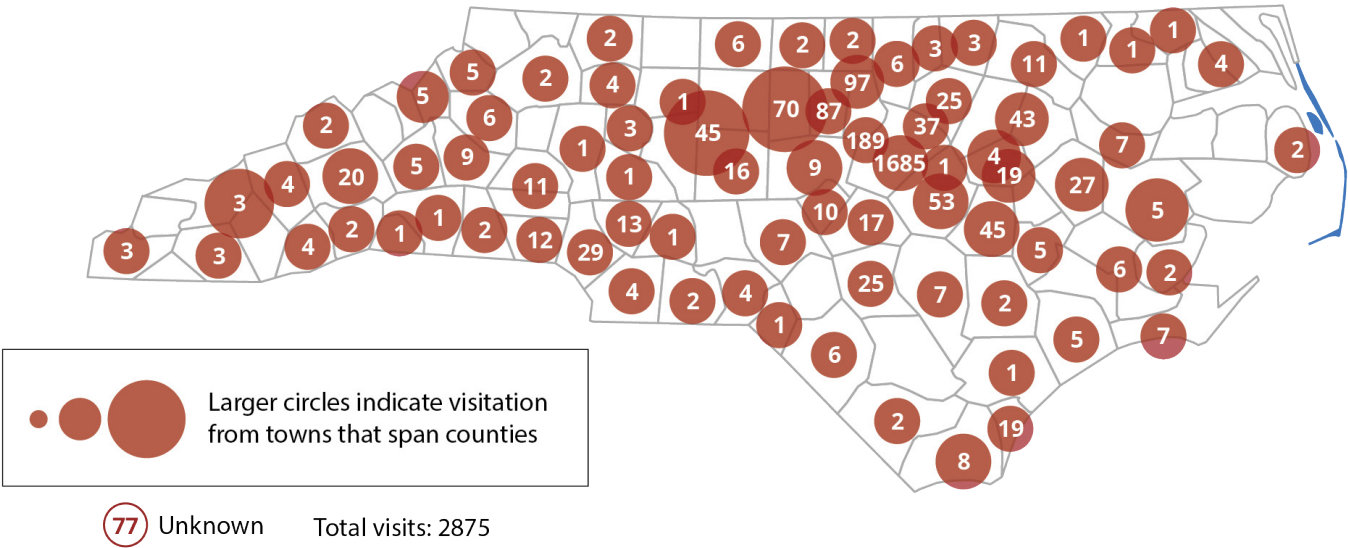


A snapshot of GHL’s collection of rarest titles

## Electronic Resources

SLNC GHL licensed additional databases from AM Digital and other vendors related to early history. These databases included digitized resources about American Indian histories and culture, American Indian newspapers, American history, historical newspapers, slavery and abolition, frontier life, and life at sea. Other popular subscription databases remained available through SLNC GHL related to historical research, including Ancestry Library Edition, Fold3, JSTOR, New York Amsterdam News, and more. Between July 2022 and June 2024, the library had 515,846 pageviews of its subscription electronic databases.

## GOVERNMENT & HERITAGE LIBRARY IN-PERSON VISITORS 2022-2024



Caption: Government and Heritage Library In-Person Visitors, 2022-2024 illustrates in-person visitors to the Government and Heritage Library from towns and cities across North Carolina. See source data on the next page.

Unknown, 77	Durham County, 1	Hillsborough, 13	Mills River, 1
Aberdeen, 4	Durham, 1	Hillsbourough, 1	Mint Hill, 3
Ahoskie, 1	Ebony, 1	Holly Springs, 19	Mocksville, 3
Angier, 10	Eden, 1	Hope Mills, 2	Montrose, 1
Apex, 72	Efland , 1	Hubert, 1	Mooreseville, 1
Asheboro, 9	Elizabeth City, 3	Hudson, 3	Morehead City, 1
Asheville, 15	Ellenboro, 1	Huntersville, 1	Morganton, 7
Bahama, 2	Ellerbe, 1	Huntsville, 1	Morrisville, 1
Beaufort, 4	Elm City, 4	Jackson County, 1	Morrisville, 7
Belmont, 1	Emerald Isle, 1	Jacksonville, 3	Mt. Airy, 2
Benson, 4	Faison, 1	Jamesville, 3	Mt. Holly, 4
Blowing Rock , 1	Farmville, 3	Jonas Ridge, 2	Murphy, 2
Boone, 4	Fayetteville, 22	Kenly, 2	Nags Head, 2
Brevard, 4	Fayetteville, 1	Kernersville, 3	Nashville, 3
Buies Creek, 5	Four Oaks, 1	King, 1	New Bern, 6
Burgaw, 1	Franklin, 3	Kinston, 3	New Hill, 2
Burlington, 9	Franklinton, 1	Knightdale, 24	New London, 1
Butner, 1	Fuquay, 2	La Grange, 2	Newland, 2
Cameron, 1	Fuquay Varina, 3	Laurenburg, 2	Newport, 1
Candler, 3	Fuquay-Varina, 49	Laurinburg, 1	Newton Grove, 2
Canton, 1	Gainsville, 1	Leland, 1	Oak Ridge, 5
Carrboro, 11	Garland, 1	Lenoir, 3	Old Fort, 1
Cary, 189	Garner, 61	Lexington, 2	Orange, 1
Chapel Hill, 60	Gastonia, 7	Llano, 1	Oxford, 3
Charlotte, 23	Gates, 1	Louisburg, 3	Peachland, 2
Chattanooga, 1	Goldsboro, 44	Lumberton, 2	Pembroke, 3
Cherokee, 1	Graham, 6	Macclesfield, 1	Pikeville, 1
Chocowinity, 1	Greensboro, 25	Macon, 1	Pine Level, 1
Claremont, 1	Greenville, 21	Madison, 3	Pinehurst, 1
Clayton, 27	Hamlet, 1	Maggie Valley, 3	Pittsboro, 7
Coats, 1	Hamptonville , 2	Marion, 4	Pleasant Garden, 2
Columbus, 1	Harrisburg, 2	Mars Hill, 2	Raleigh, 1416
Concord, 11	Henderson, 3	Mebane, 17	Ramseur, 2
Cornelius, 2	Hendersonville, 1	Micro, 1	Randleman, 5
Davenport, 1	Henrico, 1	midd level, 1	Reidsville, 2
Denver, 4	Hertford, 1	Middlesex, 13	Richlands, 1
Dunn, 1	Hickory, 6	Middlesex, 2	Riegelwood, 2
Durham, 93	High Point, 13	Millers Creek, 1	Roanoke Rapids, 8

Robersonville , 3	Sugar Mountain, 2	Whittier, 2
Rockingham, 2	Summerfield, 3	Wilksboro, 1
Rocky Mount, 7	Supply, 2	Williamston, 1
Rolesville, 3	Tallahassee, 2	Willow Springs, 1
Rougemont, 1	Tarboro, 2	Wilmington, 18
Salisbury, 1	Teachey, 2	Wilson, 19
Sampson County, 2	Timberlake, 2	Winnabow, 2
Sanford, 10	Vandemere, 2	Winston-Salem, 27
Santa Rosa, 2	Wake County, 1	Winterville, 3
Shallotte, 1	Wake Forest, 37	Wrightsville Beach, 1
Shannon, 1	Warrenton, 2	Yadkinville, 1
Shelby, 2	Washington, 4	Yanceyville, 2
Siler City, 2	Waxhaw, 2	Youngsville, 21
Smithfield, 17	Weaverville, 2	Zebulon, 7
Snow Camp, 3	Wendell, 18	<b>Total: 2888</b>
South Port, 1	Wesley Chapel, 1	
Southport, 1	West End, 1	
Spruce Pine, 1	Whatham, 1	
Stem, 2	Whitakers, 15	





# Library Development

The **SLNC Library Development (LD)** section provided support, resources, and services to help libraries across the state in meeting the needs of their communities as those needs evolved through project development and management, consulting services, and grant administration. Consultants provided their expertise in the following areas: **adult services and digital literacy; continuing education; data analysis and communications; federal programs; public library management; and youth services.** LD administered grant funds appropriated by the state to the Aid for Public Libraries fund, and by the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library Services and Technology Act Grant to States program. LD also managed the NC Cardinal library catalog and resource sharing consortium.

LD provided resources and training to library staff statewide related to current community issues, such as workforce development, community literacy, digital skills, and more. LD also provided access to hundreds of on-

demand learning opportunities and live learning sessions, in addition to supporting the state's library workforce by awarding scholarships for local library staff to attend library conferences and professional development opportunities. LD also facilitated information sharing and community building among library staff by facilitating 12 listservs and via a public newsletter.

## LD Program Highlights

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### Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grants

90 libraries across the state were awarded a total of \$5,565,416 in grant funds from the State Library of North Carolina with funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) to support new or expanded library programs and services, as well as limited ongoing projects. The grants were awarded based on criteria that advanced

the State Library of North Carolina's goals of Community Engagement, Equitable Access, and Responsive Organizations. These projects supported the critical work of libraries, including developing adult literacy programs, providing learning opportunities for health and wellness, creating welcoming spaces for neurodiverse individuals, and broadening access to materials through digitization and preservation.

Committed to supporting the state's library workforce, the State Library awarded \$150,336 in scholarship grants for 83 local library staff to attend library conferences and professional development opportunities from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024.

- Community Partnerships for Literacy Mini-Grants - Community Partnerships for Literacy Mini-Grants supported the creation of literacy and learning centers in local community places. In collaboration with community partners such as shelters, hair salons, laundromats, and social services offices, libraries fostered an environment of familial and intergenerational learning in their communities. The State Library of North Carolina awarded eight projects in April 2024, totaling \$65,982.00.
- Project Grant Mini-Grants - Project Grant mini-grants supported Project Grant & nutrition programming for North Carolina's public libraries. This opportunity funded grants to public libraries to purchase

mobile teaching kitchens, supplemental programming materials, and appropriate safety supplies. The State Library of North Carolina awarded eleven projects in December 2022, totaling \$166,945.00.



*Funded by a Community Partnership for Literacy Mini-grant, the Davidson Literacy Center project was a collaboration between the Davidson County Public Library and the Davidson County Department of Social Services. The grant funded two literacy centers, (pictured above) located within Social Services facilities, and provided furnishings, educational toys, and books.*



*Funded by a Community Partnership for Literacy Mini-Grant, Neuse Regional Libraries worked with the Friends of the Homeless Shelter to establish an Early Literacy space for unhoused families. This space (pictured above) included technology with learning software in both English and Spanish specifically for ages 2-8, shelving and books at PreK-3 levels, and manipulatives to encourage creativity and foster motor skills development.*

## Public Librarian Certification

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The NC Public Librarian Certification Commission certified 248 public librarians between July 2022 and June 2024. Commission meetings were held quarterly to review applications and discuss Certification policies and procedures.

## NC Cardinal

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The NC Cardinal online library catalog and resource sharing consortium allowed NC residents to search the collections of all

member libraries and seamlessly request materials be delivered to their local library. The shared, integrated library system software facilitated access to 8 million items held in the collections of 53 participating public libraries serving 65 counties. More than 22 million items were checked out between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2024 and more than 1.2 million items were shared among member libraries through resource sharing.

## Southeast Collaborative Conference

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The State Library of North Carolina partnered with the state library agencies in Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia to host the 5th annual Southeast Collaborative Online Conference March 14-16, 2024. This event was hosted via the WHOVA conference app and provided access to 21 pre-recorded webinars on various library topics. 1,527 people from around the world attended the event. All webinars were recorded and could be watched on -demand via the conference YouTube channel.

## SLNC Academy

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The State Library of North Carolina's continuing education program utilized a learning management platform called Niche Academy to make recorded webinars and other learning resources available on-demand through a site called SLNC Academy, which had 118,637 views from July 2022 to June



2024. Content was added on a monthly basis to further support learning and professional development for library staff.

## Aid to Public Libraries Fund

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In 2023, the Aid to Public Libraries Fund had its largest increase since inception (1941) of \$3.7 million in recurring funds. This brought the annual appropriation up to \$18 million. The Aid to Public Libraries fund provided support to 84 eligible public library systems “to improve, stimulate, increase and equalize public library service to the people of the whole State.” (NCGS §125-7).

Funds were distributed to all qualifying public libraries through the Aid to Public Libraries Funds in by FY2022-23 and FY2023-24.

## State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) Aid to Public Libraries

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In 2021 the North Carolina General Assembly allocated \$10 million of the American Rescue Plan State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) from the U.S. Department of the Treasury that had come to North Carolina to be distributed to public libraries that qualify for State Aid to Public Libraries.

Initial disbursements went to all 84 qualifying public library systems between 2022-2024, once Memorandum of Agreements were in place with the library systems. A final disbursement from the funds is scheduled to be distributed in FY2024/25.

## Digital Readiness Grant, Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund

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*The following information is extracted or summarized from: Alcantara, J, & Davis, R. (2023). Andrea Harris Task Force Digital Readiness Grant Progress Year 2. North Carolina State University.*

The goal of the Digital Readiness grant funded project was to provide lifelong learning services to individuals in need through their local libraries’ use of Digital Navigators. The Andrea Harris Task Force allocated funds to the State Library to be administered to libraries to provide digital navigation services through libraries in targeted areas of North Carolina.

During 2021-2022 the Digital Navigator pilot program implemented the Digital Literacy Toolkit in three county libraries (Hoke, Iredell, and Duplin).

During year two (2022-2023), Duplin County Library, Fontana Regional Library (serving Jackson, Macon, and Swain counties), Iredell County Public Library, Sandhill Regional Library (serving Anson, Hoke, Montgomery, Moore, and Richmond counties) and Wilson County Library participated. Program activities included the hiring of digital navigators, providing digital devices to the community, and providing training on digital skills to communities using Northstar Digital Literacy. There were challenges experienced by participating libraries as well as in the

State Library. Some participating libraries experienced difficulty in hiring qualified digital navigators, so program implementation was delayed. At the State Library, turnover in key program management positions impacted program support for participating libraries. However, libraries were able to provide some devices or services to patrons, and successfully delivered digital skills trainings. One library in particular, Iredell County Library, created a partnership with a charter school that led to success throughout year two in teaching digital skills and providing digital devices that would benefit students and the school in years to come.

Fontana Regional Library was able to use the resources provided through the grant to support the Spanish-speaking community, strengthening the relationship between the community and Digital Navigator.

## NorthStar Digital Literacy

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This resource was offered in public libraries through a license funded by the State Library of North Carolina, and it provided essential digital literacy learning for adults, helping North Carolina residents evaluate and identify gaps in digital skills, and providing self-paced lessons to meet accepted digital literacy standards.

NorthStar's digital literacy assessments covered essential areas where users can earn certificates, demonstrating their competency

in Essential Computer Skills, Essential Software Skills, and Using Technology in Daily Life. These tools were ideal for libraries planning digital skills classes, digital navigator services, or those wanting to proctor NorthStar assessments and offer self-directed learning options for patrons. Furthermore, the self-directed learning and assessments also provided an excellent option for staff professional development, supporting libraries in creating a tech-savvy workforce.

Libraries across North Carolina had seen significant engagement and success with NorthStar Digital Literacy. From July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2024, 1,409 unique learners accessed the NorthStar from 40 public library locations. During this period, learners completed 2,289 hours of online learning and passed 5,477 assessments with a score of 85% or better. Additionally, the program had awarded 981 certificates to proctored learner assessments.

As participation in NorthStar Digital Literacy grew, public libraries statewide continued to foster digital literacy and skills development, empowering North Carolinians to succeed in an increasingly digital world.

## Springshare LibGuides

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This resource was offered to public and community college libraries through a license funded by the State library of North Carolina, and it is a tool that allows public and community college library staff to create and



share online content, making library resources and services more accessible to users.

LibGuides is an easy-to-use platform that supported libraries in offering information in web and mobile-friendly formats, even serving as a full website solution for some. With varying levels of technical expertise across libraries, LibGuides ensured consistent, professional online access to programs and resources. This platform helped libraries stay relevant in the digital age, connecting communities to essential information and services.

## Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP)

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The State Library of North Carolina collaborated with the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP), a nonprofit organization that supports literacy, education, and science through summer reading events in public libraries across the United States.

Through this partnership, state library agencies and other entities developed a unified and high-quality promotional and programming product for summer learning. North Carolina libraries had access to the same artwork, incentives and publicity materials, in addition to an extensive manual of programming and promotional ideas. By combining resources and working to produce materials designed for CSLP members, public libraries in participating states or systems purchased posters, reading logs, bookmarks, certificates and a variety of reading incentives

at significant savings.

## ReadSquared

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This resource was offered to public libraries through a license funded by the State Library of North Carolina. ReadSquared is a fully customizable software and content solution for libraries to help boost patron engagement, elevate visibility of summer reading programs, and generate valuable engagement reports. Public library staff utilized this resource to create their own book lists and link them directly to their library catalog, as well as programs that include gamified elements, curriculum-aligned missions, and leaderboards. Public library users participated in online reading programs, such as 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten and Summer Library reading challenges.

## LD Data July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2024

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- Orchestrated the expansion and daily management of the NC Cardinal Consortium, which made the combined resources of participating public libraries available through a shared catalog, and added 3 library systems between July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024 to cover 65 counties serving 4,806,303 residents or 44% of residents. During this period, NC Cardinal facilitated the borrowing of 22,022,687 items and shipped 1,189,514 items between member libraries.
- Distributed \$42,097,467 in state and

federal funds from sources other than Institute of Museum and Library Services to public libraries impacting all 100 counties from July 1, 2022- June 30, 2024.

- Provided access to hundreds of on-demand learning opportunities through subscription services and SLNC hosted 53 live events (online and in-person) with 572 live attendees from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024.
- Facilitated information sharing and community building among 1,678 library staff across 12 listservs and a public newsletter viewed over 67,000 times.
- LD administered federal funds through grant awards, made possible by funding from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). LSTA grants were awarded in response to specific needs of public, academic and community college libraries. These federal funds were investments that helped libraries deliver relevant and up-to-date services to their communities.

In the last certified federal fiscal year, October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023, LD leveraged \$4,553,963 federal funds to provide:

- \$1,276,563 in subgrants to libraries serving 54 counties. These subgrants supported work towards locally identified needs and helped secure an additional \$263,758 in local matching funds to support library service
- \$3,277,400 dollars towards statewide

services resulting in:

- ◇ Digitization and digital access services through support of the Digital Heritage Center
- ◇ Lifelong learning and literacy support through NC Cardinal Library consortium, NC Kids e-materials consortium, and NorthStar Digital Literacy training
- ◇ Enhanced quality and capacity of local library services through the NC Cardinal consortium, professional development for library staff including new director orientations, Springshare LibGuides , Gale Analytics, and ReadSquared, all of which increase access to information and services to NC residents.

### LD Service Engagement between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2024\*\*

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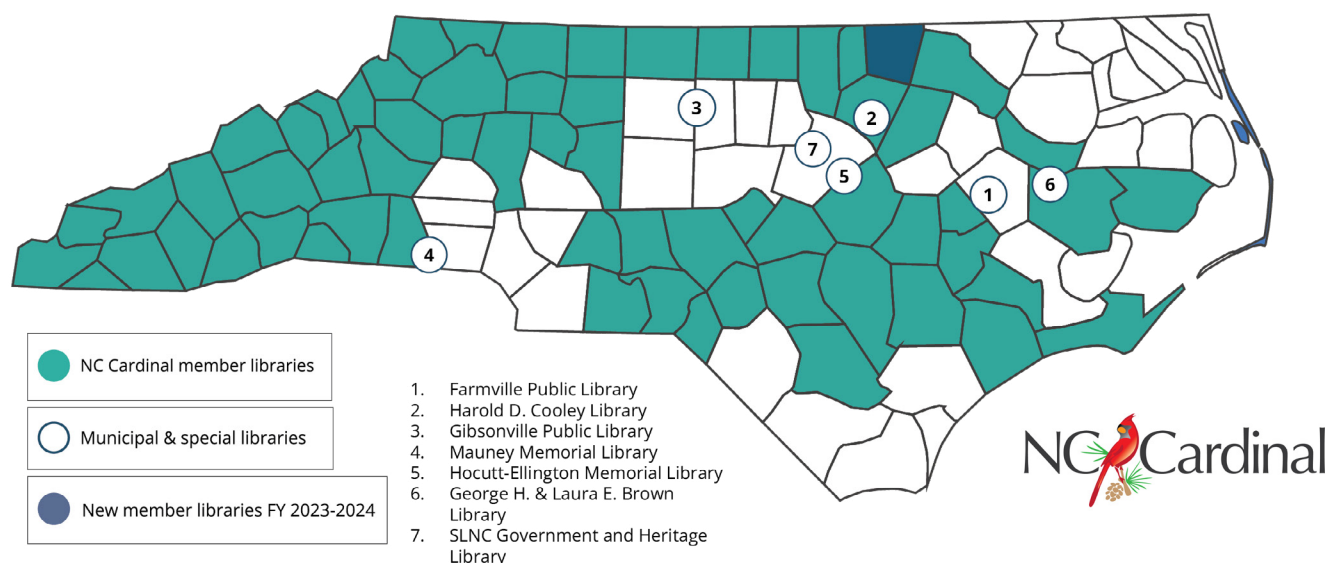
- 62% public libraries were NC Cardinal members.
- 100% Community College libraries and 91% public libraries used Springshare's LibGuides through SLNC's subscription.
- 48% of public libraries used Collaborative Summer Learning Program materials and resources during their last summer program.
- 68% of public libraries utilized ReadSquared to track participation in reading programs, challenges and more.
- 62% of public libraries made Northstar digital literacy learning available through

SLNC's subscription.

- 73% of public libraries, 21% of community college libraries, and 21% of 4-year academic libraries received a LSTA sub-grant.

\*\* Based on 84 public libraries, 58 community college libraries, and 53 4-year academic libraries.

## NC CARDINAL MEMBER LIBRARIES AS OF JUNE 2024



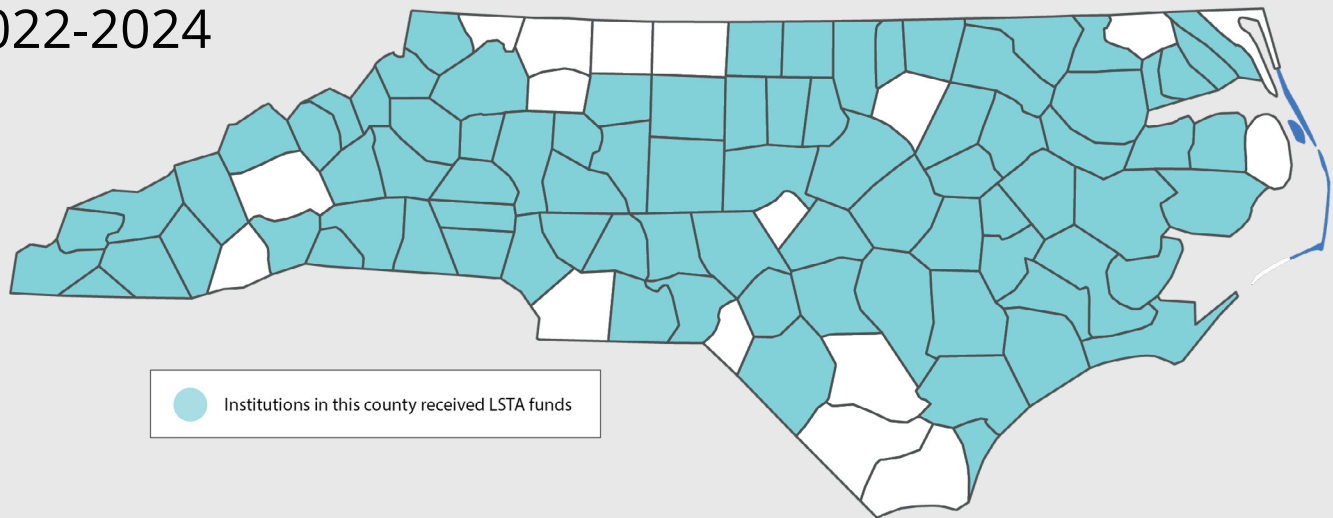
*Caption: The NC Cardinal Member Libraries chart illustrates NC Cardinal Member Libraries as of June 2024. See the list of member libraries below.*

- Burke County
- Caldwell County
- Carteret County
- Caswell County
- Harold D. Cooley Library
- Cleveland County
- Cumberland County
- Davidson County
- Davie County
- Duplin County
- Farmville Public Library
- Fontana Regional Library
- Forsyth County
- Franklin County
- Gibsonville Public Library
- Granville County
- Halifax County
- Harnett County
- Haywood County
- Henderson County
- Hocutt-Ellington Memorial Library
- Iredell County
- Johnston County
- Lee County
- Madison County
- Mauney Memorial Public Library
- McDowell County
- Nantahala Regional Library
- Neuse Regional Library
- Northwestern Regional
- Onslow County
- Perry Memorial Library
- Person County
- Polk County
- Robeson County
- Rockingham County
- Rutherford County
- Sampson-Clinton
- Sandhill Regional
- Scotland County
- Stanly County Public Library
- State Library of NC and Affiliated Government Libraries
- Transylvania County
- Warren County
- Wayne County



# LSTA FUNDS RECEIVED BY COUNTY 2022-2024

Grant awards were made possible by funding from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)



*Caption: The LSTA Funds Received by County chart illustrates which counties received LSTA Funds. See institution, county, grant type, and award amounts below:*

# LSTA FUNDS RECEIVED BY INSTITUTION 2022-2024

Institution	County	Type of Grant	Award Amount
ALAMANCE COMMUNITY COLLEGE .....	Alamance.....	Project Grant .....	\$22,183.00
ALAMANCE COMMUNITY COLLEGE .....	Alamance.....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$848.00
ALAMANCE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES .....	Alamance.....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$1,700.00
ALAMANCE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES .....	Alamance.....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$2,500.00
ALEXANDER COUNTY LIBRARY .....	Alexander .....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$1,500.00
APPALACHIAN REGIONAL LIBRARY .....	Ashe, Watauga, Wilkes ....	Scholarship Grant .....	\$1,500.00
APPALACHIAN REGIONAL LIBRARY .....	Ashe, Watauga, Wilkes ....	Project Grant .....	\$10,000.00
APPALACHIAN REGIONAL LIBRARY .....	Ashe, Watauga, Wilkes ....	Project Grant .....	\$34,832.00
APPALACHIAN REGIONAL LIBRARY .....	Ashe, Watauga, Wilkes ....	Project Grant .....	\$35,272.00
APPALACHIAN REGIONAL LIBRARY .....	Ashe, Watauga, Wilkes ....	Project Grant .....	\$22,000.00
APPALACHIAN REGIONAL LIBRARY .....	Ashe, Watauga, Wilkes ....	Project Grant .....	\$17,000.00
APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY .....	Watauga .....	Project Grant .....	\$25,010.00
AVERY-MITCHELL-YANCEY REGIONAL LIBRARY....	Avery, Mitchell, Yancey....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$1,500.00
AVERY-MITCHELL-YANCEY REGIONAL LIBRARY....	Avery, Mitchell, Yancey....	Scholarship Grant .....	\$1,500.00
AVERY-MITCHELL-YANCEY REGIONAL LIBRARY ..	Avery, Mitchell, Yancey....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$2,500.00
Beaufort, Hyde,			
BEAUFORT COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE .....	Tyrrell, Washington.....	Project Grant .....	\$6,650.00
BHM REGIONAL LIBRARY .....	Beaufort, Hyde, Martin....	Project Grant .....	\$8,650.00
BHM REGIONAL LIBRARY .....	Beaufort, Hyde, Martin....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$1,000.00
BRASWELL MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Nash, Edgecombe .....	Project Grant .....	\$9,750.00
CABARRUS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Cabarrus.....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$300.00
CAPE FEAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE .....	New Hanover, Pender ....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$2,369.00
CARTERET COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES.....	Carteret .....	Project Grant .....	\$28,686.00
CASWELL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Caswell.....	Project Grant .....	\$25,002.00

Institution	County	Type of Grant	Award Amount
CATAWBA COLLEGE .....	Rowan .....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$2,470.00
CATAWBA COLLEGE .....	Rowan .....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$2,500.00
CATAWBA COUNTY LIBRARY .....	Catawba.....	Project Grant .....	\$9,877.00
CATAWBA COUNTY LIBRARY .....	Catawba.....	Project Grant .....	\$49,250.00
CATAWBA COUNTY LIBRARY .....	Catawba.....	Project Grant .....	\$43,659.00
CATAWBA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY.....	Catawba.....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$1,718.00
CHAPEL HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY.....	Orange.....	Project Grant .....	\$29,200.00
CHAPEL HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY.....	Orange.....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$1,785.00
CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG LIBRARY.....	Mecklenburg.....	Project Grant .....	\$26,250.00
CHATHAM COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Chatham.....	Project Grant .....	\$4,000.00
CHATHAM COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Chatham.....	Project Grant .....	\$17,000.00
CHATHAM COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Chatham.....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$2,500.00
CLEVELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE .....	Cleveland.....	Project Grant .....	\$52,353.00
CLEVELAND COUNTY LIBRARY .....	Cleveland.....	Project Grant .....	\$100,000.00
CRAVEN-PAMLICO REGIONAL LIBRARY.....	Craven, Pamlico.....	Project Grant .....	\$27,930.00
CRAVEN-PAMLICO REGIONAL LIBRARY.....	Craven, Pamlico.....	Project Grant .....	\$49,902.00
CUMBERLAND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Cumberland.....	Project Grant .....	\$86,600.00
CUMBERLAND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Cumberland.....	Project Grant .....	\$135,713.00
DAVIDSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Davidson .....	Scholarship Grant .....	\$3,000.00
DAVIDSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Davidson .....	Scholarship Grant .....	\$3,000.00
DAVIDSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Davidson .....	Project Grant .....	\$9,920.00
DAVIDSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Davidson .....	Project Grant .....	\$12,750.00
DAVIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Davie .....	Scholarship Grant .....	\$1,500.00
DUPLIN COUNTY LIBRARY .....	Duplin .....	Project Grant .....	\$10,000.00
DURHAM COUNTY LIBRARY.....	Durham .....	Project Grant .....	\$38,000.00
DURHAM COUNTY LIBRARY.....	Durham .....	Project Grant .....	\$79,750.00
EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY .....	Pitt.....	Project Grant .....	\$49,415.00
EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY .....	Pitt.....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$2,252.00
ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY .....	Camden, Pasquotank .....	Project Grant .....	\$60,155.00
ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY .....	Camden, Pasquotank .....	Project Grant .....	\$72,754.00
ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY .....	Camden, Pasquotank .....	Project Grant .....	\$87,155.00
FARMVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY.....	Pitt.....	Project Grant .....	\$28,224.00
FONTANA REGIONAL LIBRARY .....	Jackson, Macon, Swain .....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$1,500.00
FONTANA REGIONAL LIBRARY .....	Jackson, Macon, Swain .....	Project Grant .....	\$15,915.00
FONTANA REGIONAL LIBRARY .....	Jackson, Macon, Swain .....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$515.00
FORSYTH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Forsyth.....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$2,500.00
FORSYTH TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE .....	Forsyth.....	Project Grant .....	\$29,100.00
FORSYTH TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE .....	Forsyth.....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$2,239.00
FORSYTH TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE .....	Forsyth.....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$2,500.00
GARDNER-WEBB UNIVERSITY .....	Cleveland.....	Project Grant .....	\$8,000.00
GASTON COLLEGE.....	Gaston, Lincoln.....	Project Grant .....	\$100,000.00
GASTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Gaston .....	Project Grant .....	\$8,000.00
GASTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Gaston .....	Project Grant .....	\$17,000.00
GIBSONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Alamance, Guilford .....	Project Grant .....	\$14,660.00
GIBSONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Alamance, Guilford .....	Project Grant .....	\$11,750.00
GIBSONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Alamance, Guilford .....	Project Grant .....	\$10,000.00
GRANVILLE COUNTY LIBRARY .....	Granville .....	Project Grant .....	\$16,930.00
GREENSBORO COLLEGE .....	Guilford.....	Project Grant .....	\$5,068.00
GUILFORD COLLEGE .....	Guilford.....	Project Grant .....	\$16,471.00
HALIFAX COUNTY LIBRARY .....	Halifax.....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$614.00
HALIFAX COUNTY LIBRARY .....	Halifax.....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$4,047.00
HARNETT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY.....	Harnett .....	Project Grant .....	\$16,800.00
HARNETT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY.....	Harnett .....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$2,500.00
HAYWOOD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY.....	Haywood .....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$1,500.00

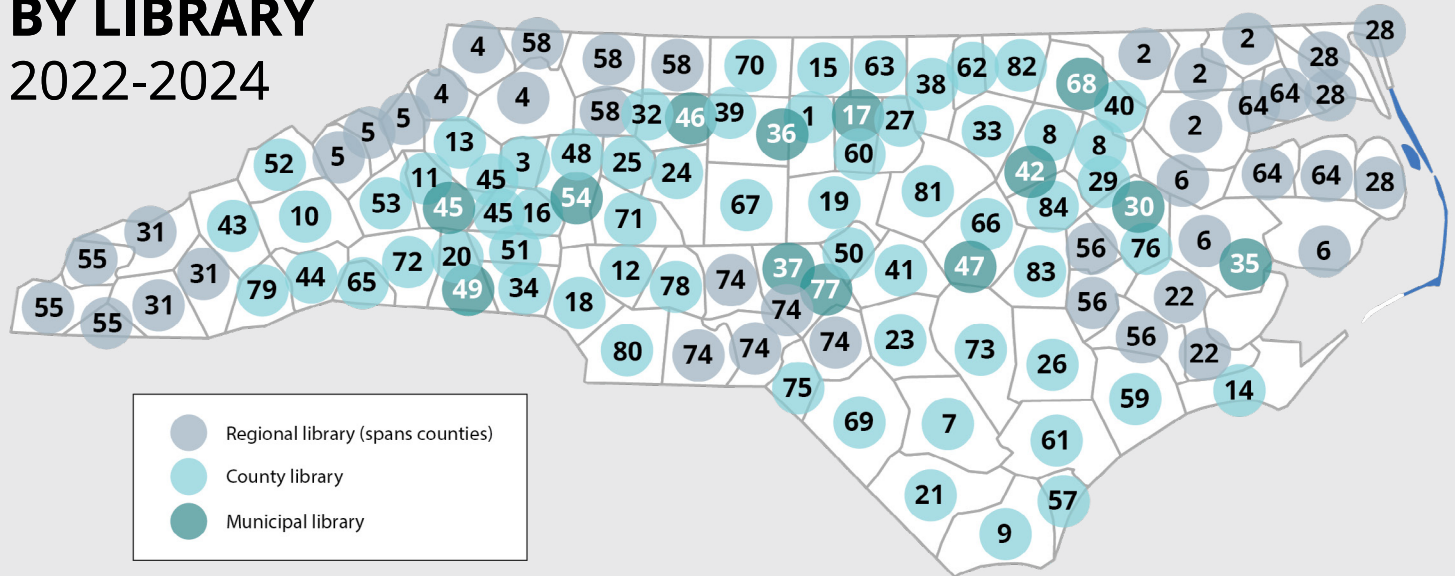
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HAYWOOD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Haywood .....	Project Grant .....	\$6,576.00
HAYWOOD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Haywood .....	Project Grant .....	\$11,450.00
HAYWOOD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Haywood .....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$2,500.00
HAYWOOD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Haywood .....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$1,777.00
HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Henderson .....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$2,270.00
HICKORY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Catawba.....	Project Grant .....	\$12,200.00
HIGH POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Guilford.....	Project Grant .....	\$36,000.00
HOCUTT-ELLINGTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY .....	Johnston .....	Project Grant .....	\$10,000.00
IREDELL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Iredell.....	Project Grant .....	\$100,000.00
LINCOLN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Lincoln .....	Project Grant .....	\$41,339.00
LINCOLN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Lincoln .....	Project Grant .....	\$50,000.00
MADISON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES.....	Madison.....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$6,000.00
MADISON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES.....	Madison.....	Project Grant .....	\$17,000.00
MADISON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES.....	Madison.....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$2,500.00
MAUNEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY .....	Cleveland.....	Project Grant .....	\$7,160.00
MAUNEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY .....	Cleveland.....	Project Grant .....	\$46,836.00
MCDOWELL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY.....	McDowell.....	Project Grant .....	\$23,475.00
MCDOWELL TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE .....	McDowell.....	Scholarship Grant .....	\$1,500.00
MCDOWELL TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE .....	McDowell.....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$1,878.00
METHODIST UNIVERSITY .....	Cumberland .....	Project Grant .....	\$7,351.00
METHODIST UNIVERSITY .....	Methodist.....	Project Grant .....	\$28,500.00
MONTGOMERY COMMUNITY COLLEGE .....	Montgomery.....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$2,380.00
MOORESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Iredell.....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$2,417.00
MOORESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Iredell.....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$1,143.00
NANTAHALA REGIONAL LIBRARY .....	Cherokee, Clay, Graham .....	Scholarship Grant .....	\$1,500.00
NEUSE REGIONAL LIBRARIES.....	Greene, Jones, Lenoir .....	Scholarship Grant .....	\$1,500.00
NEUSE REGIONAL LIBRARIES.....	Greene, Jones, Lenoir .....	Project Grant .....	\$8,375.00
NEUSE REGIONAL LIBRARIES.....	Greene, Jones, Lenoir .....	Project Grant .....	\$30,805.00
NEUSE REGIONAL LIBRARIES.....	Greene, Jones, Lenoir .....	Project Grant .....	\$12,117.00
NEUSE REGIONAL LIBRARIES.....	Greene, Jones, Lenoir .....	Project Grant .....	\$42,655.00
NEUSE REGIONAL LIBRARIES.....	Greene, Jones, Lenoir .....	Project Grant .....	\$68,364.00
NEUSE REGIONAL LIBRARIES.....	Greene, Jones, Lenoir .....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$1,947.00
NEUSE REGIONAL LIBRARIES.....	Greene, Jones, Lenoir .....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$5,000.00
NEW HANOVER COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	New Hanover .....	Project Grant .....	\$20,625.00
NEW HANOVER COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	New Hanover .....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$3,362.00
NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE UNIVERSITY, F. D. BLUFORD LIBRARY .....	Guilford.....	Project Grant .....	\$99,891.00
NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE UNIVERSITY, F. D. BLUFORD LIBRARY .....	Guilford.....	Project Grant .....	\$74,060.00
NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY, F. D. BLUFORD LIBRARY .....	Guilford.....	Project Grant .....	\$31,902.00
NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY ON BEHALF OF NCSU LIBRARIES .....	Wake .....	Project Grant .....	\$10,884.00
ON SLOW COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Onslow.....	Project Grant .....	\$18,093.00
ON SLOW COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Onslow.....	Project Grant .....	\$29,521.00
ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Orange.....	Scholarship Grant .....	\$1,500.00
ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Orange.....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$1,799.00
ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Orange.....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$1,122.00
PERRY MEMORIAL LIBRARY .....	Vance .....	Scholarship Grant .....	\$1,500.00
PERRY MEMORIAL LIBRARY .....	Vance .....	Project Grant .....	\$100,000.00
PERRY MEMORIAL LIBRARY .....	Vance .....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$3,570.00
PERSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Person.....	Project Grant .....	\$23,000.00



Institution	County	Type of Grant	Award Amount
PETTIGREW REGIONAL LIBRARY.....	Chowan, Perquimans, Tyrrell, Washington.....	Project Grant .....	\$7,083.00
PETTIGREW REGIONAL LIBRARY.....	Chowan, Perquimans, Tyrrell, Washington.....	Project Grant .....	\$14,726.00
PITT COMMUNITY COLLEGE .....	Pitt .....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$500.00
POLK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES.....	Polk .....	Scholarship Grant .....	\$1,500.00
POLK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES.....	Polk .....	Project Grant .....	\$73,071.00
POLK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES.....	Polk .....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$2,376.00
POLK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES.....	Polk .....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$1,965.00
POLK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES.....	Polk .....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$2,117.00
POLK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES.....	Polk .....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$2,500.00
RANDOLPH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES .....	Randolph .....	Scholarship Grant .....	\$1,500.00
RANDOLPH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES .....	Randolph .....	Project Grant .....	\$28,380.00
RANDOLPH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES .....	Randolph .....	Project Grant .....	\$16,300.00
RANDOLPH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES .....	Randolph .....	Project Grant .....	\$86,839.00
RANDOLPH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES .....	Randolph .....	Project Grant .....	\$78,425.00
ROANOKE-CHOWAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE .....	Bertie, Hertford, Northhampton .....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$2,500.00
ROBESON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Robeson .....	Scholarship Grant .....	\$3,000.00
ROWAN PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Rowan .....	Project Grant .....	\$13,465.00
RUTHERFORD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Rutherford .....	Scholarship Grant .....	\$1,500.00
SAMPSON-CLINTON PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Sampson .....	Scholarship Grant .....	\$1,500.00
SANDHILL REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM .....	Anson, Hoke, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond .....	Scholarship Grant .....	\$1,500.00
SANDHILL REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM .....	Anson, Hoke, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond .....	Scholarship Grant .....	\$3,000.00
SANDHILL REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM .....	Anson, Hoke, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond .....	Project Grant .....	\$37,500.00
SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE.....	Jackson, Macon, Swain ....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$1,500.00
SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE.....	Jackson, Macon, Swain ....	Project Grant .....	\$40,677.00
STANLY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Stanly .....	Scholarship Grant .....	\$1,500.00
STANLY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Stanly .....	Project Grant .....	\$10,000.00
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL.....	Orange.....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$2,500.00
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL.....	Orange.....	Project Grant .....	\$653,216.00
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL.....	Orange.....	Project Grant .....	\$609,988.00
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT GREENSBORO.....	Guilford.....	Project Grant .....	\$92,535.00
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT GREENSBORO.....	Guilford.....	Project Grant .....	\$113,442.00
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT GREENSBORO.....	Guilford.....	Project Grant .....	\$99,915.00
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT WILMINGTON.....	New Hanover .....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$2,500.00
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT WILMINGTON.....	New Hanover .....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$1,743.00
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS .....	Forsyth.....	Project Grant .....	\$13,000.00

Institution	County	Type of Grant	Award Amount
WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY .....	Forsyth.....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$2,500.00
WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY .....	Forsyth.....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$2,500.00
WAKE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARIES .....	Wake .....	Project Grant .....	\$100,000.00
WARREN COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY .....	Warren.....	Project Grant .....	\$28,500.00
WARREN COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY .....	Warren.....	Project Grant .....	\$16,968.00
WARREN COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY .....	Warren.....	Project Grant .....	\$10,000.00
WAYNE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Wayne .....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$3,000.00
WAYNE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Wayne .....	Project Grant .....	\$10,000.00
WAYNE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Wayne .....	Project Grant .....	\$44,902.00
WAYNE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Wayne .....	Project Grant .....	\$50,000.00
WAYNE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Wayne .....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$2,136.00
WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY .....	Jackson.....	Project Grant .....	\$9,310.00
WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY .....	Jackson.....	Scholarship Grant.....	\$1,977.00
WILSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Wilson .....	Project Grant .....	\$9,902.00
WILSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Wilson .....	Project Grant .....	\$49,999.00
WILSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Wilson .....	Project Grant .....	\$17,000.00

# STATE AID RECEIVED BY LIBRARY 2022-2024



*Caption: The State Aid Received by Library chart illustrates the reach of State Aid across North Carolina from 2022-2024.. See details below:*

#	Library	County	22/23	23/24	Grand Total
1	ALAMANCE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES .....	Alamance .....	\$203,079 .....	\$240,612 .....	\$443,691
		Bertie, Gates,			
2	ALBEMARLE REGIONAL LIBRARY .....	Hertford, Northampton.....	\$400,953 .....	\$469,854 .....	\$870,807
3	ALEXANDER COUNTY LIBRARY .....	Alexander .....	\$97,245 .....	\$114,594 .....	\$211,839
4	APPALACHIAN REGIONAL LIBRARY .....	Ashe, Watauga, Wilkes.....	\$394,826 .....	\$466,569 .....	\$861,395
5	AVERY-MITCHELL-YANCEY REGIONAL LIBRARY...	Avery, Mitchell, Yancey .....	\$315,924 .....	\$369,833 .....	\$685,757
6	BEAUFORT-HYDE-MARTIN REGIONAL LIBRARY...	Beaufort, Hyde, Martin.....	\$315,794 .....	\$334,858 .....	\$650,652
7	BLADEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Bladen .....	\$94,225 .....	\$110,212 .....	\$204,437
8	BRASWELL MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Nash, Edgecombe .....	\$141,000 .....	\$165,397 .....	\$306,397
9	BRUNSWICK COUNTY LIBRARY .....	Brunswick .....	\$160,344 .....	\$189,531 .....	\$349,875
10	BUNCOMBE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES .....	Buncombe .....	\$246,406 .....	\$287,714 .....	\$534,120
11	BURKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Burke .....	\$145,745 .....	\$168,319 .....	\$314,064
12	CABARRUS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Cabarrus .....	\$221,239 .....	\$265,242 .....	\$486,481
13	CALDWELL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Caldwell .....	\$140,701 .....	\$164,016 .....	\$304,717
14	CARTERET COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM....	Carteret .....	\$112,443 .....	\$132,267 .....	\$244,710
15	CASWELL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Caswell .....	\$88,455 .....	\$103,047 .....	\$191,502
16	CATAWBA COUNTY LIBRARY .....	Catawba .....	\$157,080 .....	\$185,912 .....	\$342,992
17	CHAPEL HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Orange .....	\$32,839 .....	\$38,779 .....	\$71,618
18	CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG LIBRARY .....	Mecklenburg .....	\$682,386 .....	\$741,136 .....	\$1,423,522
19	CHATHAM COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES .....	Chatham .....	\$106,052 .....	\$124,649 .....	\$230,701
20	CLEVELAND COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY .....	Cleveland .....	\$155,295 .....	\$180,030 .....	\$335,325
21	COLUMBUS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Columbus .....	\$117,784 .....	\$140,036 .....	\$257,820
22	Craven-Pamlico Regional Library .....	Craven, Pamlico .....	\$288,948 .....	\$341,646 .....	\$630,594
23	CUMBERLAND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Cumberland .....	\$364,738 .....	\$427,315 .....	\$792,053
24	DAVIDSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM ...	Davidson .....	\$205,088 .....	\$243,156 .....	\$448,244
25	DAVIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Davie .....	\$97,302 .....	\$115,060 .....	\$212,362



#	Library	County	22/23	23/24	Grand Total
26	DUPLIN COUNTY LIBRARY .....	Duplin.....	\$119,113 .....	\$136,976 .....	\$256,089
27	DURHAM COUNTY LIBRARY .....	Durham.....	\$264,674 .....	\$309,322 .....	\$573,996
		Camden, Currituck,			
28	EAST ALBEMARLE REGIONAL LIBRARY .....	Dare, Pasquotank.....	\$421,097 .....	\$492,100 .....	\$913,197
29	EDGECOMBE COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY.....	Edgecombe .....	\$117,587 .....	\$137,020 .....	\$254,607
30	FARMVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Pitt .....	\$3,814 .....	\$4,407 .....	\$8,221
31	FONTANA REGIONAL LIBRARY.....	Jackson, Macon, Swain .....	\$348,766 .....	\$408,776 .....	\$757,542
32	FORSYTH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Forsyth .....	\$341,777 .....	\$405,675 .....	\$747,452
33	FRANKLIN COUNTY LIBRARY.....	Franklin .....	\$125,255 .....	\$148,890 .....	\$274,145
34	GASTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Gaston.....	\$248,588 .....	\$291,570 .....	\$540,158
35	GEORGE H. AND LAURA E. BROWN PUBLIC LIBRARY.....	Beaufort.....	\$8,413 .....	\$9,776 .....	\$18,189
36	GIBSONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Alamance, Guilford .....	\$6,996 .....	\$7,954 .....	\$14,950
37	GIVEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY & TUFTS ARCHIVE....	Moore.....	\$7,702 .....	\$8,861 .....	\$16,563
38	GRANVILLE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM.....	Granville.....	\$116,888 .....	\$137,272 .....	\$254,160
39	GREENSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY.....	Guilford .....	\$368,866 .....	\$391,567 .....	\$760,433
40	HALIFAX COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM.....	Halifax.....	\$101,443 .....	\$119,010 .....	\$220,453
41	HARNETT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY.....	Harnett.....	\$191,144 .....	\$220,395 .....	\$411,539
42	HAROLD D. COOLEY LIBRARY .....	Nash .....	\$4,541 .....	\$5,590 .....	\$10,131
43	HAYWOOD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Haywood.....	\$113,645 .....	\$135,067 .....	\$248,712
44	HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY.....	Henderson .....	\$148,212 .....	\$175,774 .....	\$323,986
45	HICKORY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Catawba .....	\$32,496 .....	\$37,530 .....	\$70,026
46	HIGH POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Guilford .....	\$88,512 .....	\$106,874 .....	\$195,386
47	HOCUTT ELLINGTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY .....	Johnston .....	\$20,222 .....	\$25,386 .....	\$45,608
48	IREDELL COUNTY LIBRARY .....	Iredell .....	\$155,677 .....	\$183,702 .....	\$339,379
49	JACOB MAUNEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY .....	Cleveland .....	\$11,465 .....	\$13,282 .....	\$24,747
50	LEE COUNTY LIBRARY .....	Lee .....	\$123,713 .....	\$145,117 .....	\$268,830
51	LINCOLN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Lincoln.....	\$127,842 .....	\$149,979 .....	\$277,821
52	MADISON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Madison .....	\$85,342 .....	\$99,714 .....	\$185,056
53	MCDOWELL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	McDowell .....	\$106,900 .....	\$124,145 .....	\$231,045
54	MOORESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Iredell .....	\$33,443 .....	\$41,207 .....	\$74,650
55	NANTAHALA REGIONAL LIBRARY .....	Cherokee, Clay, Graham .....	\$312,611 .....	\$367,282 .....	\$679,893
56	NEUSE REGIONAL LIBRARIES .....	Greene, Jones, Lenoir .....	\$351,312 .....	\$413,197 .....	\$764,509
57	NEW HANOVER COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	New Hanover .....	\$208,722 .....	\$241,450 .....	\$450,172
		Alleghany, Stokes,			
58	NORTHWESTERN REGIONAL LIBRARY .....	Surry, Yadkin.....	\$475,715 .....	\$557,782 .....	\$1,033,497
59	ONSLow COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Onslow.....	\$253,069 .....	\$295,558 .....	\$548,627
60	ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY .....	Orange .....	\$114,150 .....	\$133,302 .....	\$247,452
61	PENDER COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Pender .....	\$113,502 .....	\$132,599 .....	\$246,101
62	PERRY MEMORIAL LIBRARY.....	Vance.....	\$107,137 .....	\$124,458 .....	\$231,595
63	PERSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY.....	Person.....	\$95,594 .....	\$114,225 .....	\$209,819
		Chowan, Perquimans,			
64	PETTIGREW REGIONAL LIBRARY.....	Tyrell, Washington.....	\$373,958 .....	\$440,150 .....	\$814,108
65	POLK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES.....	Polk.....	\$81,248 .....	\$95,589 .....	\$176,837
66	PUBLIC LIBRARY OF JOHNSTON COUNTY & SMITHFIELD .....	Johnston .....	\$218,457 .....	\$257,222 .....	\$475,679
67	RANDOLPH PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Randolph .....	\$195,687 .....	\$228,130 .....	\$423,817

#	Library	County	22/23	23/24	Grand Total
68	ROANOKE RAPIDS PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Halifax .....	\$14,730 .....	\$16,374 .....	\$31,104
69	ROBESON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Robeson.....	\$201,547 .....	\$237,081 .....	\$438,628
70	ROCKINGHAM COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Rockingham .....	\$148,584 .....	\$172,423 .....	\$321,007
71	ROWAN PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Rowan .....	\$190,616 .....	\$227,512 .....	\$418,128
72	RUTHERFORD COUNTY LIBRARY .....	Rutherford.....	\$126,639 .....	\$146,934 .....	\$273,573
73	SAMPSON-CLINTON PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM ...	Sampson.....	\$123,690 .....	\$145,694 .....	\$269,384
		Anson, Hoke, Montgomery,			
74	SANDHILL REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM .....	Moore, Richmond.....	\$550,041 .....	\$644,610 .....	\$1,194,651
75	SCOTLAND COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY .....	Scotland .....	\$103,116 .....	\$119,265 .....	\$222,381
76	SHEPPARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY .....	Pitt .....	\$202,972 .....	\$235,790 .....	\$438,762
77	SOUTHERN PINES PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Moore.....	\$8,314 .....	\$9,729 .....	\$18,043
78	STANLY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Stanly .....	\$119,532 .....	\$140,815 .....	\$260,347
79	TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY LIBRARY.....	Transylvania .....	\$92,069 .....	\$107,174 .....	\$199,243
80	UNION COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Union.....	\$211,384 .....	\$250,537 .....	\$461,921
81	WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES .....	Wake .....	\$667,500 .....	\$787,447 .....	\$1,454,947
82	WARREN COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY .....	Warren.....	\$84,340 .....	\$97,985 .....	\$182,325
83	WAYNE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Wayne .....	\$167,153 .....	\$195,193 .....	\$362,346
84	WILSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	Wilson .....	\$138,718 .....	\$161,994 .....	\$300,712

# WHERE STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS (SFRF) - AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES WERE RECEIVED 2022-2024

1. ALAMANCE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES \$114,886
2. ALBEMARLE REGIONAL LIBRARY \$218,608
3. ALEXANDER COUNTY LIBRARY \$53,511
4. APPALACHIAN REGIONAL LIBRARY \$216,982
5. AVERY-MITCHELL-YANCEY REGIONAL LIBRARY \$172,012
6. BEAUFORT-HYDE-MARTIN REGIONAL LIBRARY \$170,350
7. BLADEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY \$52,118
8. BRASWELL MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY \$77,909
9. BRUNSWICK COUNTY LIBRARY \$89,046
10. BUNCOMBE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES \$143,075
11. BURKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY \$81,803
12. CABARRUS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY \$126,545
13. CALDWELL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY \$79,330
14. CARTERET COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM \$61,746
15. CASWELL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY \$48,192
16. CATAWBA COUNTY LIBRARY \$89,471
17. CHAPEL HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY \$54,775
18. CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG LIBRARY \$406,105
19. CHATHAM COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES \$60,023
20. CLEVELAND COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY \$87,033
21. COLUMBUS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY \$64,552
22. CRAVEN-PAMLICO REGIONAL LIBRARY \$157,165
23. CUMBERLAND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY \$208,498
24. DAVIDSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM \$116,353
25. DAVIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY \$53,650
26. DUPLIN COUNTY LIBRARY \$66,628
27. DURHAM COUNTY LIBRARY \$153,182

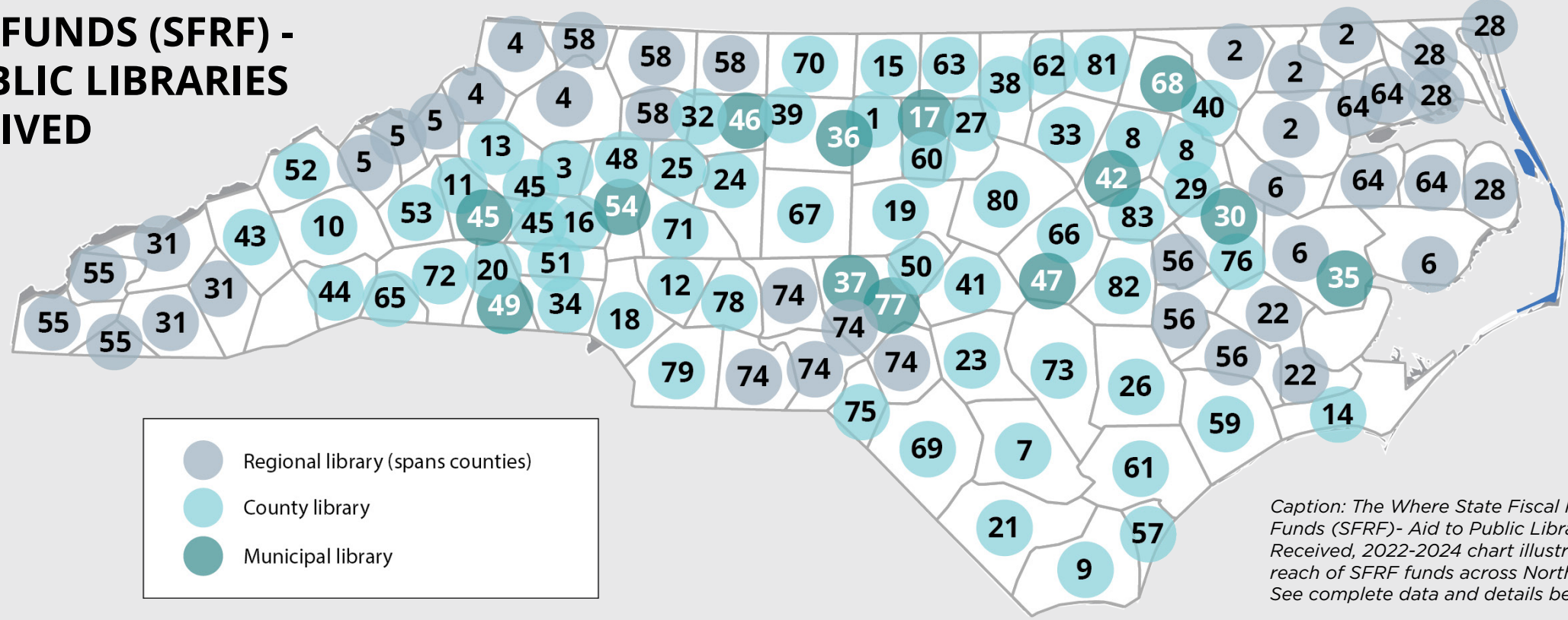
28. EAST ALBEMARLE REGIONAL LIBRARY \$230,016
29. EDGEcombe COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY \$66,354
30. FARMVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY \$38,130
31. FONTANA REGIONAL LIBRARY \$189,840
32. FORSYTH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY \$196,014
33. FRANKLIN COUNTY LIBRARY \$68,438
34. GASTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY \$142,871
35. GEORGE H. AND LAURA E. BROWN PUBLIC LIBRARY \$41,133
36. GIBSONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY \$40,128
37. GIVEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY & TUFTS ARCHIVE \$40,557
38. GRANVILLE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM \$64,899

39. GREENSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY \$215,606
40. HALIFAX COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM \$55,550
41. HARNETT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY \$108,352
42. HAROLD D. COOLEY LIBRARY \$38,488
43. HAYWOOD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY \$62,175
44. HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY \$83,421
45. HICKORY PUBLIC LIBRARY \$54,835
46. HIGH POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY \$92,035
47. HOCUTT ELLINGTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY \$47,277
48. IREDELL COUNTY LIBRARY \$89,113
49. JACOB MAUNEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY \$43,218
50. LEE COUNTY LIBRARY \$68,882

51. LINCOLN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY \$71,247
52. MADISON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY \$46,481
53. MCDOWELL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY \$59,554
54. MOORESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY \$55,727
55. NANTAHALA REGIONAL LIBRARY \$169,199
56. NEUSE REGIONAL LIBRARIES \$192,254
57. NEW HANOVER COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY \$120,587
58. NORTHWESTERN REGIONAL LIBRARY \$262,567
59. ONSLOW COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY \$143,809
60. ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY \$63,336
61. PENDER COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY \$62,484
62. PERRY MEMORIAL LIBRARY \$59,654

63. PERSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY \$54,374
64. PETTIGREW REGIONAL LIBRARY \$200,588
65. POLK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES \$44,029
66. PUBLIC LIBRARY OF JOHNSTON COUNTY & SMITHFIELD \$123,979
67. RANDOLPH PUBLIC LIBRARY \$112,022
68. ROANOKE RAPIDS PUBLIC LIBRARY \$44,253
69. ROBESON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY \$115,570
70. ROCKINGHAM COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY \$84,380
71. ROWAN PUBLIC LIBRARY \$109,834
72. RUTHERFORD COUNTY LIBRARY \$70,448
73. SAMPSON-CLINTON PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM \$69,049

74. SANDHILL REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM \$301,674
75. SCOTLAND COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY \$58,956
76. SHEPPARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY \$114,356
77. SOUTHERN PINES PUBLIC LIBRARY \$40,580
78. STANLY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY \$67,062
79. UNION COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY \$120,545
80. WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES \$391,788
81. WARREN COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY \$46,195
82. WAYNE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY \$95,467
83. WILSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY \$76,763



Caption: The Where State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF)- Aid to Public Libraries Were Received, 2022-2024 chart illustrates the reach of SFRF funds across North Carolina. See complete data and details below:



# State Library Administration

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North Carolina state government experienced capacity issues, with record vacancy rates across state agencies, particularly between July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023. The State Library of North Carolina, too, had record vacancy rates during this time which factored into the structural placement of several grants and projects. The SFRF Non-recurring Aid to Public Libraries funds were managed and distributed by State Library Administration instead of Library Development. The Libraries Strengthening Connections project also was structurally placed in State Library Administration rather than Library Development.

## State Library Commission

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The State Library Commission met twice a year, on November 18, 2022, April 14, 2023, December 8, 2023, and May 24, 2024. There was one appointed position that remained open between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2024, and that is the President Pro Tempore of the Senate Appointee position. The members of the State Library Commission during this period were:

- **Tammy Baggett** (Gubernatorial Appointee)
- **Mary Bartlett** (Gubernatorial Appointee)
- **Dawn Behrend** (NC Library Association Vice President in 2022-23, President in 2023-24)

- **Brigitte Blanton** (NC Public Library Directors Association representative)
- **Theresa Cade** (Gubernatorial Appointee)
- **Rachel Fuerst** (Gubernatorial Appointee)
- **Lara Luck**, beginning July 2023 (NC Library Association Vice President)
- **Lee Ann Minton** (Speaker of the House Appointee)
- **Julianne Moore** (NC Public Library Directors Association representative)
- **Melanie Morgan**, beginning January 2023 (NC Public Library Directors Association representative)
- **Barbara Pendry** (Gubernatorial Appointee)
- **Dorothy Rapp** (Gubernatorial Appointee)
- **Jimi Rider** (Gubernatorial Appointee)
- **Libby Stone**, through June 2023 (NC Library Association President)
- **Karen Wallace**, through December 2022 (NC Public Library Directors Association representative)
- **Dr. Ricky Woods** (Gubernatorial Appointee)

## State Aid for Public Libraries Formula Review

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One special topic brought to the Commission was the State Aid for Public Libraries formula. The State Aid for Public Libraries formula has been reviewed approximately every ten years and had last been reviewed in 2013. The formula that was in use had been utilized

by the State Library of North Carolina since 1983. The Commission decided it was time to review the formula again and make a recommendation as to whether to continue with the current formula or recommend an alternative formula for consideration by the State Library of North Carolina to the Secretary of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

A planning team was created which reported to the State Library Commission. The planning committee's charge was to develop a process through which the formula would be reviewed. This committee was approved in April 2023. The planning committee included Mary Bartlett and Dr. Ricky Woods of the State Library Commission, and Amber Westall Briggs, Susan Brown, and Ross Holt of the NC Public Library Directors Association. The formula review process was developed and approved in December 2023.

The formula review process included developing a larger committee and also utilizing a consultant to facilitate the committee meetings and conduct research to assist the committee in evaluating the formula. Formula review committee members were also approved in December 2023. Formula review committee members included Mary Bartlett, Rachel Fuerst, and Dr. Ricky Woods of the State Library Commission, and Sarah Greene, Ross Holt, Marian Lytle, Johnnie Pippin, Jennifer Sackett, Joan Sherif, Franklin Shook, and April Young of the NC Public Library Directors Association. The North

Carolina State University Friday Institute's Program Evaluation and Educational Research group was selected as the consultant for the project. The committee had its first meeting on June 21, 2024 in Raleigh at the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources building. The plan was to review the formula and have a recommendation for the State Library Commission for consideration by June 2025.

## Special Project Highlight: Libraries Strengthening Connections

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As trusted anchor institutions, public libraries are ideally situated to implement digital literacy and skills support and programming for North Carolina residents. The North Carolina Department of Information Technology through its Office of Digital Equity and Literacy (ODEL) awarded the State Library of North Carolina grant funding to expand a network of digital navigators through public libraries. This project, named Libraries Strengthening Connections (LSC), launched in April 2023 with the hiring of the project coordinator.

LSC provided training, resources, tools, and programming to library staff in rural libraries focused on expanding digital skills and knowledge. The intended outcome was for library staff to be better equipped and prepared to assist community members with questions and requests for assistance related to digital devices, access, and skills.

The project provided training through the use of Northstar Digital Literacy, a nationally established online literacy platform, and one-on-one library staff support from LSC Digital Facilitators. The LSC team had four Digital Facilitators and the project coordinator through June 2024.

Five library systems participated through June 2024. These systems included the Franklin County Library System, Mauney Memorial Library in Kings Mountain, Robeson County

Public Library, Rockingham County Public Library, and the Rutherford County Library System.

The success of the project was seen in the overall average learning gains (4.1%) for all staff who underwent the Northstar training and assessments. 67% of participating staff indicated that completing the training through Northstar improved their confidence in helping patrons with digital devices or resources.

Participating Staff Learning Using Northstar Digital Learning Platform as of June 30, 2024				
Library	Total Staff	Learning Hours	Assessments Passed (≥85%)	Learning Gains (avg latest score/avg original score)
Franklin County Library	21	47	318	+2.82%
Mauney Memorial (Kings Mountain)	7	20	109	+5.65%
Robeson County Public Library	26	131	466	+4.05%
Rockingham County Public Library	19	12	27	+6.11%
Rutherford County Library	16	27	264	+2.06%

The project was anticipated to continue through December 2026. Project data and participant feedback were important factors in setting project objectives and changes for subsequent years. The number of library systems that would participate in the project was anticipated to expand.

## Remembering Cotina Jones, Director of SLNC Library Development

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Cotina Jones, SLNC Director of Library Development, passed away on February 16, 2023. Cotina had served as SLNC Director of Library Development since June of 2021, and had worked in libraries in North Carolina for over 25 years. She previously worked at the Cumberland County Public Library between 2019 and June 2021, serving as the Deputy Director and Interim Director for the library system there. She had also previously worked as a branch manager for the Granville County Library System. Other positions she had held included Assistant Director of Library Services at North Carolina Central University, and Health Sciences Librarian and Special Projects Coordinator at Winston-Salem State University. She had also previously worked as a school librarian and was active in a number of professional and community organizations.

Cotina's professionalism, humor, dedication, and incredible knowledge have been missed by her colleagues at the State Library and throughout the state.

