

NCLA Executive Board Reports, October 2023

ALA Council no report submitted

Archives no report submitted

Assoc. of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)-NC Chapter no report submitted

Business Librarianship in NC

Highlights: Over the 65th Biennium, the Business Librarianship in North Carolina (BLINC) Section endeavored to not only create a community for and by information professionals interested in business information, but also create opportunities for information professionals across the state, nation and world to engage with and develop professional skills around the topic of business information literacy. The leadership team for this Biennium consisted of: Morgan Ritchie-Baum, Wake Forest University (Chair); Nancy Lovas, UNC Chapel Hill (Vice-Chair); Hannah Hemphill, Durham Co. Public Library (Secretary 2021-2022); Steve Cramer, UNC Greensboro (Secretary 2022-2023); Ophelia Chapman, UNC Wilmington (Treasurer); David Ernsthausen, UNC Chapel Hill (Director-at-Large 2021-2022); Kassie Ettefagh, Greensboro Public Library (Director-at-Large); and Shaun Bennett, NC State University (Director-at-Large). We held seven, free and open-to-all half-day workshops covering a broad-range of topics related to business information literacy, including developing community partnerships, networking as an information professional, the role of AI in business information literacy, and supporting innovation within entrepreneurship. We advocated for and worked with NC Live to identify potential subscription library resources that support business information literacy during the biennial resource update. We provided administrative and structural support for six Entrepreneurship and Libraries Conference (ELC) events including librarian pitch competitions and an international two-day virtual ELC event. Numerous members supported workshops, presentations, and special events for organizations such as NC Live, Boston Library Consortium, and the 65th NCLA Biennial Conference.

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Community and Junior College Libraries

Biennium Goal Reporting: During this biennium, the Community and Junior College Section (CJCLS) focused on collaboration and developing meaningful professional development opportunities for community college librarians across the state. Section membership has remained steady, and the section has strong financial support. Due to solid financial backing, the Board voted to donate funds to support the 2023 NCLA Leadership Institute. CJCLS collaborated with the North Carolina Community College Library Association (NCCCLA) in 2022 by creating a non-voting liaison position on their Executive Board to facilitate the exchange of information and ideas between the two groups. Thus, the Chair of CJCLS now attends all NCCCLA board meetings as a non-voting liaison. The section bylaws were updated to reflect this additional responsibility and to represent the section's operation better. During the past biennium, CJCLS hosted several professional development opportunities, including sessions on The Future of Community College Library Spaces, Programming for Pennies, and What is CJCLS? Why Join? During the 2023 NCCCLA conference, we hosted two sessions on Intellectual Freedom in collaboration with the Intellectual Freedom Committee. These sessions were Reboot. Reconsider: Selection and Reconsideration Policies and Prepare to Defend Intellectual Freedom. At the request of NC Live, these sessions were also included as part of the 2023 NC Live Conference. The section hosted two panel sessions during NCLA's 65th Biennial Conference in Winston-Salem. These sessions offered opportunities for participants to learn more about community college librarianship. The section also supported a conference scholarship for a library school student interested in community college librarianship to attend the 65th Biennial Conference. On the fun side of the conference, we provided a raffle basket for the biennial raffle. The basket's theme was "Let's Taco about Librarians." Funds raised from the basket raffle benefited the NCLA Endowment and the section. Finally, CJCLS Board elections were held in August 2023. The following were elected to office: Chair, Dana Glauner, Library Director at South Piedmont Community College; Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, Laurie Robb, Instruction/Outreach Librarian, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College; Treasurer / Secretary, Jenny Thomas, Library Director, Randolph Community College; Director, Cara McConnell, Director of Academic Enrichment, Johnston Community College; Director, Maria Luisa Saldarriaga Osorio, Library Director, Surry Community College; and Past-Chair, Tim Hunter, Library Director, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College. The new Board was installed during the business meeting at the conference.

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Conference Planning

Detailed Report: The 65th Biennial Conference, Cultivating Community: Strengthening Roots, Supporting New Growth, was held at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem. Coming out of the COVID pandemic, this conference marked the return to a primarily in-person event following the hybrid 2021 conference. To facilitate attendance and participation by those unable to attend in-person, a one day virtual only track was offered. The event management platform, Whova, was utilized to provide the conference schedule as well as live-streamed keynotes, virtual-only presentations, and virtual posters. For those attending in-person, a variety of live presentations were available along with therapy dogs, Zen Den (with guided meditation, tea tasting, etc.), social events, and exhibit hall. There were 765 registrants, with 91 being virtual-only attendance. The conference had 39 exhibitors with 79 leads generated as registered by Whova. There were 14 sponsors with a total commitment of \$20,250. The following programming was provided: 15 concurrent virtual sessions; 5 pre-conferences (in-person); 3 keynotes (in-person); 3 birds of a feather sessions (in-person); and 75 concurrent sessions (in-person). There were 39 in-person posters and 8 virtual posters. Attendees were given the opportunity to view any recorded sessions for the six months following the conference. The keynote speaker was David Campt, founder of The Dialogue Company, who presented "Using Dialogue to Fight the Forces of Repression" which was intended to "give encouragement and guidance to people in the library sector who are unsure how to keep their humanity while fighting forces that seem dedicated to fighting key democratic principles such as free speech". The Ogilvie Lecture, which honors the late Phillip S. Ogilvie, who served as State Librarian for North Carolina from 1965-1976, was given by State Librarian, Michelle Underhill, and Annette Taylor, Main Library Manager of Durham County Library. Their lecture, "Cultivating Community and Digital Equity: Strengthening and Extending Roots, Supporting Growth", involved "a discussion about North Carolina's past, present, and future initiatives concerning digital access, literacy, and equity". The closing keynote, "Everybody Needs a Story", was presented by bestselling author Kwame Mbalia who shared, "a conversation about the need for stories in all forms for people of all ages, cultures, and backgrounds." The All-Conference Reception was held on Thursday evening and was hosted by the Forsyth County Public Library. Awards for attendees of NCLA's Leadership Institute were presented. The following awards were also given at the conference: Life Membership- Dr. David Wright; Distinguished Library Service- Dr. Julie Herberger and Joel Reese; REMCO Roadbuilder Awards-Dr. Latesha Velez (UNCG), Lajuan Pringle (CMPL), and Forrest Foster(NCA&T); Constance Hill Marteen Diversity Award (REMCO)-Jayzmyne Baylor (WCU); Marilyn Miller Award for Professional Commitment (WILR)-Mollie Peuler (AppState); Meralyn G. Meadows Scholarship (NCLPA)-Joy Hollingsworth (AMYRL); Ray Moore Award-Dr. Al Jones (ECU); William H. Roberts Public Library Distinguished Service Award (PLS)-was Pat Familiar (ARL). Scholarships provided by NCLA were: Appalachian Scholarship-Sarah Costello Dwyer; NCLA Memorial Scholarship-Natalie Goretti; and Query-Long Scholarship-Anna Louise Kallas. The All-Conference Luncheon was held on Friday at the Marriott with officers for the 2023-2025 biennium inducted by Lorrie Russell, Assistant Director at High Point Public Library and 2019-2021 President of NCLA. The State Library gave 30 conference scholarships and NCLA sections provided 25 scholarships for library science students with winners being recognized on social media and at the All-Conference Reception. Librarians Build Communities partnered with the Smart Start Network to collect early childhood books. As of this writing, the financial statements and invoices from the conference have not yet been resolved; however the association remains fiscally strong in its ability to fund special projects and provide seed money for the 2025 conference.

Submitted by: Dawn Behrend (president@nclaonline.org)

Constitution, Codes and Handbook Revisions

Highlights: Biennial Report - A summary of the committee's work over the biennium follows. The NCLA Executive Board Handbook was completely revised and posted to the NCLA website. The conference webpages have been updated with a PDF of the "NCLA Conference Handbook." Almost all Section Bylaws have been added to the "Documents and Links" footer of the section's homepage. CJCLS, GRS, NMRT, PLS, and YSS revised their Bylaws after consulting with the committee. Lorrie Russell graciously agreed to take the role of chair for the Constitution, Codes, and Handbook Revisions committee during the upcoming biennium. Mark Sanders will stay on as a member.

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Distance Learning no report submitted

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Highlights: Assessment: The NCLA DEI Committee presented a poster at the 2023 65th Biennial Conference of the North Carolina Library Association. The scope of this initiative was to introduce the committee to the wider community, present some of the work we have done, and collect information related to areas of DEI our constituents believe we should prioritize. The group gathered this information and will now work on synthesizing it to inform future decisions. Partnerships: The group is exploring the possibility of strengthening and operationalizing internal partnerships. We are in conversations with REMCO and the NCLA Intellectual Freedom Committee to explore potential collaboration opportunities. Newsletter: The group is exploring the possibility of disseminating a newsletter to promote content related to EDI initiatives, tools, and opportunities for NCLA members. This would include events, resources, contact information, and recommendations. We are currently working on the initial stages of this initiative.

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Submitted by: Rodrigo Castro (castror@wfu.edu)

Finance no report submitted

Government Resources

Highlights: We hosted a virtual section spring 2022 meeting on April 5th, featuring the presentation, "Government Documents: An Introduction for Teachers." We hosted a summer 2022 section meeting/workshop at UNC-Chapel Hill's Friday Center on June 10th, with four presentations and 15 attendees. We updated the section bylaws in October 2022. We sponsored an NCLA Student Conference Scholarship recipient for the 2023 Biennial Conference.

Detailed Report: David Durant (ECU) took over as Chair in October 2023. Plan to focus our efforts in the next biennium on engaging federal and state depository librarians in North Carolina. Will conduct a survey of federal depository librarians in NC, collaborate with our regional depository librarian at UNC, and hold an in-person meeting/workshop in late spring, with focus on the Federal Depository Library Program.

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Intellectual Freedom no report submitted

Leadership, Administration and Management no report submitted

Leadership Institute

Highlights: N/A

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Library Advocacy and Legislative no report submitted

Literacy

Highlights: At the NCLA Conference Dr. Michelle Osborne was installed as Chair of the Literacy Section.

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Marketing no report submitted

Membership no report submitted

NC Library Paraprofessional Association

Highlights: Joy Hollingsworth filled NCLPA Secretary vacancy. Sustaining Wellness Through Creative Reflection and Community Care program was presented on August 8, 2023 with Jewel Davis from Appalachian University. We sponsored one \$50 NCLA scholarship. NCLPA provided a raffle basket at NCLA conference. Some of the items included were: • Portable CD Player • MP3 Player • 2 in 1 Flashlight • 3 pack Super Hero Flash Drives • Flash

Drive Carrying Case • USB Car Charger • “Book Light: Romance in the Library” with author Altonya Washington was sponsored at the NCLA Conference on October 19. Elections for the upcoming biennial were held and our new officers are: Chair: La-Nita Williams Smith Library, High Point University; Chair Elect: Ronald Headen, Hemphill Branch, Greensboro Public Library; Secretary: Open; Treasurer: Jackie Cornette, Western Watauga Branch, Sugar Grove; Region 1 Director: Open; Region 2 Director: Open; Region 3 Director: Beth Sheffield, Central Branch, Greensboro Public Library; Region 4 Director: Wendy Barber, Wilkes County Public Library. Our 2023 Meralyn G. Meadows Scholarship winner is Joy Hollingsworth, AMY Regional Library.

Biennium Goal Reporting: We are happy with our progress and the potential of meeting all of them.

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NC School Library Media Association

Highlights: Previously Submitted on Oct. 17, 2023: NCSLMA just held the 2023 Annual Conference from October 5-7th at the Benton Convention Center. The theme was, "Magic Happens Here: A Celebration of the Magic of Stories, Libraries, and Librarians." The conference featured keynote speakers, an Author Alley, and the Storytellers Panel. In August and September, NCSLMA held Town Halls that included NCDPI updates from Kathy Parker, school year highlights, and a session on the evaluation instruments. Nominations for new Board Members were accepted, and elections ran until October 30th. The Regional Directors will be planning the 2024 Winter Tune-Up professional development events. The Leadership Academy accepted applications for the 2024 cohort through Nov. 19th. The new cohort will be announced in the coming months. NCSLMA has held monthly Brew Crew Club meetings for casual conversations with other school librarians across the state in a Google Meet for virtual coffee and discussions.

Planned Events: NCSLMA Grown Up Book Club- 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:30 am AM Brew Crew (9-11 AM): Dec. 2, PM Brew Crew (8-10 PM): Dec. 22 Page Turners Book Club: Dec. 16, Jan. 17, Feb. 20 Planning for the Winter Tune Up and Summer Learning Series is ongoing. Dates and details will be available for the January 2024 board meeting. Applications for the Leadership Academy just closed. The 2024 cohort announcement is forthcoming.

Biennium Goal Reporting: Biennium Highlights: NCSLMA offered well attended and relevant professional development opportunities during the 2022-2023 biennium through the Annual Conferences, Winter Tune-Ups, Summer Learning Series, and the inaugural Librarian Boot Camp. NCSLMA also offered informal opportunities such as the Page Turners Grown Up Book Club and the Brew Crew. Each year, NCSLMA sponsors the Elementary, Middle, and High School Battle of the Books Competitions which lead to a state winner in the spring of each year. The also offer grants and scholarships for school librarians which are announced at the Annual Conferences in October. In April 2022 NCSLMA released a position statement in response to the increase in book challenges happening across North Carolina. NCSLMA stated that it “stands in full support of our members and affirms their professional expertise in selecting materials” in their school libraries. In March 2023, NCSLMA released a position statement in response to SB 49 stating that “NCSLMA also stands with and adheres to ALA’s statement. ‘When students enter a school library, two expectations of privacy should be guaranteed: 1) The right to read and borrow library materials free from scrutiny regardless of age, and 2) The right to seek information and have the subject of academic and personal research remain private.’” NCSLMA continues to support, promote, and empower librarians working in K-12 school libraries across North Carolina. Biennium Reporting: NCSLMA held two annual conferences during the biennium with approximately 100 sessions available for attendees at each event. The first was held from October 6-8, 2022, at the Benton Convention Center. The theme for that year’s conference was “We Are Not Alone in the Library.” In 2023, the conference was held on October 5-7, and the theme was “Magic in Your Library.” Approximately 500 people attended each year’s conference. NCSLMA held two Winter Tune-Ups during the biennium. In 2022, there were 9 sessions held between February 14- March 15. In 2023, nine sessions were held between February 13 – March 15. Two Summer Learning Series were held each year. In 2022, the series was held between July 12 and August 8, and offered five sessions for school librarians. The Summer Learning Series of 2023 was held from July 11 – August 8, and offered five sessions for professional development. Before the beginning of the 2023 school year, NCSLMA held its inaugural Librarian Boot Camp which offered 48 sessions for early career and veteran school librarians. NCSLMA’s Leadership Academy Cohort for 2022 supported the leadership development of 10 school librarians. The 2023 Leadership Academy Cohort had 11 school librarians as participants. NCSLMA offered informal opportunities for school librarians to gather and support one another during the twice monthly Brew Crew sessions throughout 2022 and 2023. Town Hall sessions were offered to provide updates from NC Department of Public Instruction and provide NCSLMA

updates throughout the school year. The Page Turners Grown Up Book Club offered a monthly book club and discussion group.

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New Members

Highlights: Our biennium included the introduction of new officers, creating a financial report, and a review of past activities and initiatives, future initiatives and events.

Planned Events: TBD

Biennium Goal Reporting: We discussed goals to focus events on library specialties with collaboration from different roundtables. We discussed a goal to create programming that addresses the transition from completing library studies to securing employment, and a goal to organize meetups which will be determined at the next meeting.

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Nominating no report submitted

North Carolina Libraries no report submitted

President see Conference Planning report

Public Library

Highlights: The Public Library Section held the Fabulous Friday Conference on October 7th, 2022. The event was hosted by Durham County Library and held at the newly renovated Main Library. The theme of the event was "From the Ground Up: Rebuilding Connections" The featured speaker was Dr. Noah Lenstra Associate Professor from Library and Information Science School of Education at UNC-Greensboro. Many of the session topics were focused on building and strengthening our communities through partnerships, creating inclusive and welcoming environments for individuals with disabilities, developing a defense for challenges, and weeding strategies. The 65 attendees were taken on a guided tour of the main library, and a walkthrough of the technology vehicle, which will be dispatched to take STEAM programs to underserved areas in Durham County. The closing session was presented by the State Librarian Michelle Underhill, where she provided the group with some excellent strategies on how to prioritize and set goals for yourself. PLS raffled gift baskets to raise funds for Librarians Build Communities. PLS presented Etaf Rum, bestselling author, as our featured speaker at the Wine and Cheese event at the Biennial Conference. Lynda Reynolds participated in a successful panel discussion, "Strengthening North Carolina Public Libraries in the Defense of Intellectual Freedom". Pat Familiar, Branch Manager from Gates County Public Library, was the recipient of the 2023 William H. Roberts Award. PLS provided contributions to the Leadership Institution and Conference Student Scholarships. During this time, we lost committee members to retirement or relocation: Jeffrey Hamilton, Marian Lytle, Diane Palmieri and Elizabeth Skinner. We were fortunate to welcome new committee members: April Llewellyn, Lynda Reynolds and Jennifer Rogers. Carrie Lee, a longtime member, filled the vacancy as Vice Chair. Carrie Lee will now serve as Chair in the upcoming Biennium.

Biennium Goal Reporting: PLS will continue to discuss and review the Purpose, Goals and Vision of the section to ensure we are staying abreast with current trends and topics in public libraries. We will develop strategies to attract and recruit new members, and to keep current members interested and involved in PLS. Rachel Webb, PLS webmaster, successfully recruited new members for the marketing committee, who will assist with updating PLS Marketing materials, and who will develop outreach, programming and marketing strategies to reach our members. Committee reviewed and updated PLS bylaws.

Collaboration Request: We would like to partner with other sections, collaborate on programs and offer additional outreach programs; especially programs related to library best practices for dealing with banned book issues, and providing training opportunities for professionals and paraprofessionals alike. PLS met with the Chairs of REMCO and Paraprofessional Sections to discuss future collaboration opportunities. Will seek to continue our collaboration partnership with YSS.

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Reference and Adult Services

Highlights: The RASS Board to grant Velappan the Chair position and update the Chair-elect, Secretary and Treasurer positions.

Biennium Goal Reporting: 1. Recruit new members. 2. Continue to present Buzz sessions. 3. Continue sending new member letters to welcome potential new members, as we have done in the past.

Submitted by: Michelle Osborne (michelle.osborne@gastongov.com)

Resources and Technical Services

Highlights: We held a successful election of new RTSS officers and one interest group chair for the new 2023-2025 biennium. In-person business meeting was led by incoming chair Lisa Baricella to welcome new officers. RTSS was active in the 2023 conference, hosting a sponsored panel of speakers, one sponsored student scholarship, and a raffle basket contribution.

Detailed Report: For this quarter and for the 2023 Biennium, RTSS successfully elected new board members and actively participated in the conference. New members of the RTSS board for 2023-2025 includes Lisa Baricella as the Chair, Velappan Velappan as Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, Collin Stiglbauer as Secretary/Treasurer, Beth Ashmore as Director, Christine Fischer in the 2nd Director position, and Doug Short as the new Interest Group Chair for Cataloging. A call for volunteers to fill the remainder of open Interest Group Chairs will go out soon. This quarter RTSS focused its efforts on preparing for the 65th Biennial Conference. RTSS held an in-person business meeting during the conference led by incoming Chair Lisa Baricella. RTSS also sponsored a panel session entitled "Demystifying Careers in Technical Services: Getting a job, learning the job, growing in the job," featuring a wide variety of library professionals with experience in Technical Services. Our speakers were Adrian Zeck, Carrie Nichols, Sarah Guy, Shaunta Alvarez and Tim Hunter, with outgoing RTSS Chair Tiffany Henry as session moderator. Additionally, RTSS sponsored one student scholarship for the conference and contributed a basket for the conference raffle.

Submitted by: Tiffany Henry (tnhenry@uncg.edu)

Roundtable on Ethnic & Minority Concerns

Highlights: The executive board had an opportunity to meet and discuss the final conference logistics on October 12th. Champion requested that each board member prioritize attending sponsored/cosponsored events. To raise visibility, Champion relaunched the hashtag, #REMCexperience. Its use increased the number of followers on both Facebook and Instagram (IG). We are proud to say that some of our posts were shared on the IG platform of our partner, Black Librarian Male (@theblacklibrarianmale). In addition to increased social media presence, we used Wild Apricot and word of mouth to advertise conference sessions. We sponsored two sessions, including our biennial luncheon, and cosponsored three sessions. In addition to official sessions, we hosted a BIPOC meet-up, proposed by Jazmyne Baylor, our new Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect. In closing, Champion has since updated all files, websites, and social platforms to prepare for the incoming board. Our sessions included: Author Talk featuring Kelly Starling Lyons & Judy Allen Dodson (approximately 40 participants), Cultivating Sustainable Organizations-Real Talk on Serving in Professional Organizations (approximately 50 participants), REMCo Luncheon: Social Justice and Libraries: Strengthening East Greensboro through Archival Collections and Historical Program and Award Ceremony (approximately 64 participants), Business Meeting (participants 16 participants), Zen Den: Mat Yoga and Reflection. We elected new Executive Board members, including: Carlos Grooms- Chair, Jazmyne Baylor- Vice Chair, Chair Elect Joan Hill, Co-Director Velappan Velappan, Co-Director Candace Jacobs, and Secretary/Treasurer.

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Scholarships

Highlights: New committee members for the 2022-2023 Biennium include Michele Lawrence (Perquimans County Library), Shaunta Alvarez (Elon University), and Kathy Vossler (Haywood County Public Library). Biennial Scholarship recipients were selected by the committee and notified/awarded in August 2023.

Detailed Report: Current committee membership includes Katy Henderson, 2024-2030, Chair 2024-2025 - Chatham County Public Libraries; Rachel Olson, 2018-2024 - UNC Greensboro; Michele Lawrence, 2022-2028 - Perquimans County Library; Monica Young, 2020-2026 - Guilford Technical Community College; Shaunta Alvarez, 2022-2028 - Elon University and Kathy Vossler, 2022-2028 - Haywood County Public Library. In October 2022, former committee member Jennifer Winford resigned from the Scholarship Committee after taking a new non-library position. The committee chair put out a recruitment call via the NCLA listserv, which had a large response, and selected Michele Lawrence (Perquimans County Library) to fill the vacated position. Scholarships committee chair prepared and

submitted a budget request for the 2023 scholarship cycle after conferring with committee members on award amounts. The Finance Committee agreed to fund the following scholarships for the 2022-2023 Biennium: NCLA Memorial Scholarship - \$1000 Appalachian Scholarship - \$1000 Query-Long Scholarship - \$1000 President Libby Stone initiated a discussion around updating the language in the handbook regarding Scholarships and promoting/soliciting donations to the Scholarship funds so that more funds may be distributed biennially via the NCLA Scholarships Committee. In April 2023, a Scholarships Task Force met to discuss the possibility of changing the language in the NCLA Handbook to set a minimum award amount for each scholarship going forward, to allow for flexibility in both dollar amount and possibly the number of scholarships awarded (minimum of one each for Appalachian, McLendon, NCLA Memorial, and Query-Long). Finance Committee chair Paul Birkhead confirmed that the North Carolina Community Foundation gives us an amount that we can withdraw/distribute one time during the year. We appear to be in good shape to offer larger scholarships and/or more scholarships in the next Biennium, but this will have to be discussed further as we near our next budget request period. Language reflecting the above changes was added to the Handbook. For the 2022-2023 Biennium, the scholarships committee collaborated via email and Google docs to review and score the 21 complete applications we received. The committee selected the following recipients: Appalachian Scholarship - Sarah Dwyer (UNC Chapel Hill), NCLA Memorial Scholarship - Natalie Goretti (NCCU), and Query-Long Scholarship - Anna Louise Kallas (UNC Greensboro) Winners were notified in August 2023, and checks were sent out by NCLA Treasurer Lara Luck. Scholarships were announced at the Biennial Conference Ogilvie Lecture in October 2023. Katy Henderson has agreed to serve as Scholarships Committee chair for the 2024-2025 biennium.
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Southeast Library Association (SELA) Representative no report submitted

Special Collections

Highlights: At the conference this year the section held a meet and greet in person with coffee and pastries. It was good to meet people in person and talk about the work of the section with interested people. The section also held its business meeting via zoom during the conference. The following slate of officers was approved: Kathelene Smith, Chair; Travis Souther, Vice-Chair; Stacey Krim, Treasurer and Secretary; Alston Couburn, Director; Jennifer Daugherty, Director; Jessica Janecki, Past Chair.

Planned Events: We do not have any events currently planned.

Submitted by: Jessica Janecki (jessica.janecki@duke.edu)

STEM-LINC no report submitted

Technology and Trends no report submitted

Web and Technologies Support no report submitted

Women in Libraries

Highlights: Women in Libraries during the 2022-2023 biennium strived to meet no less than quarterly, but often met bimonthly since we were still mostly meeting virtually. We hosted three webinars in 2022. The first webinar was "Meet ALA Presidential Candidate Emily Drabinski" in March 2022; it was a meet and greet that 22 participants attended. In June 2022, we hosted "Quantifying Our Worth: Revisiting What We Measure with Statistics" with panelists Amanda Johnson from the State Library, Carol McCollum from Wake County Public Libraries and Mary Sizemore from High Point Public Library. This webinar discussed how stats are collected, experiences with statistics and quantifying library usage and how to ensure that you're accurately reflecting your library's impact on the community, especially post-COVID. Our final webinar, "How to get Involved in NCLA," in 2022 was cosponsored by Leadership, Administration, and Management and the New Members Roundtable. Panelists included representation from each section that sponsored with varying levels of experience with NCLA. The

panelists were Wanda Brown, Melody Rood, Brandy Hamilton, Michelle Hildreth, and Mark Sanders. We also supported the Leadership Institute by purchasing copies of *Dare to Lead* by Brené Brown for the current cohort. In 2023, we focused on planning for the Biennial Conference and obtaining nominations for the Marilyn Miller Award. We had discussed creating a second award this biennium so one could be focused on mid-career and the other would be more like a lifetime achievement award, but we decided to not pursue this at this time. For the conference we hosted a luncheon featuring a talk on “Cultivating Community” by Jamie DeMent Holcomb, North Carolina farmer, cookbook author, entrepreneur, and CEO of Kidzu. The Marilyn Miller Award winner, Mollie Peuler, for 2023 was announced. Our new slate of officers were also announced. At the conference, WIL offered two sessions in addition to the luncheon. One session was cosponsored by REMCo and featured North Carolina authors, Judy Allen Dodson and Kelly Starling Lyons. It was entitled “American Dreams: Celebrating Black Heroes and History.” They shared excerpts from their work and how Black Heroes are featured in their stories. The other session cosponsored with LAMS was “Surviving to Thriving: Cultivating Healthy Workplace Environments” which was a panel of managers and administrators who talked about what they do to cultivate a healthy workplace.

Biennium Goal Reporting: The biennium goals identified were mostly met. Our goals were to offer 2-3 educational sessions a year, to plan for the conference, to create a new award, and to update the election process in the bylaws. All goals were met, except for the creation of a new award, which we decided to wait on.

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Youth Services no report submitted