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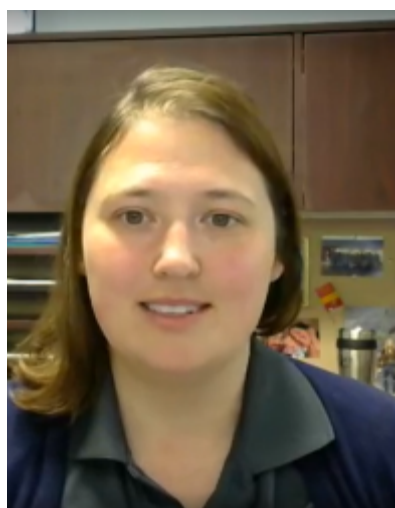
Welcome to the Monthly eNewsletter from NCCCLA!

This email contains news from NCCCLA members and partners, news items of interest about U.S. community colleges, and upcoming events.

A Note from Our Vice President/President-Elect

Good afternoon,

Jennifer Seagraves, our association's **President**, is taking a brief leave from her job at Johnston Community College. During her absence, in accordance with Article II, Section 2C of our association's bylaws I will be fulfilling her duties. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.



Spring semester always manages to sneak up on me, and I imagine the same is true for many of you. It seems like we return from our breaks and hit the ground running with

out a chance to catch our breaths until March. For that reason, our annual conference always feels like an opportunity to finally reset and start planning for the future. With that in mind, conference planning is well underway. Our **call for proposals** will stay open until **January 15th**. If you have something exciting you've been working on, or know someone who has something interesting to share, please consider turning in a proposal to present it at this year's conference. Don't be intimidated by the virtual format. We will be setting up plenty of training for our presenters ahead of time.

Nominations for a new **Vice-President/President-elect** and **Secretary** will be opening shortly. Look for details later in this newsletter. We are also still seeking additional nominations for the **new Treasurer position**. Nominations for that position will close on **Friday, January 29, 5pm**. Please consider nominating someone you think would be a great fit for any of these roles. Self-nominations are encouraged, too!

Finally, I know this month has been a difficult one. The national climate has been fraught, to say the least. As librarians and information professionals, the need for our work teaching truth and critical thinking, providing equitable access to resources, and laying a foundation on which our communities can build lifelong learning skills are more important than ever. Let's come together as an association to encourage each other and continue to grow as a professional organization and community.

All the best,
Samantha O'Connor

NCCCLA 2021 Conference: Call for Proposals



Our virtual **2021 NCCCLA Conference** will be **March 10-12!** Our theme "**Look Inside**" asks us to think about how we analyze and study ourselves: our collections, our services, and how we respond to and interact with our communities.

[Submit your proposal here!](#)

Samantha O'Connor, Vice President/President-Elect

A Note from our Nominating Officer

New Year, New Opportunities

2021 Executive Board Officer Vacancies

Member nominations for the offices of **Treasurer**, **Secretary** and **Vice President / President-Elect** beginning March 2021, will be accepted **until 5pm, Friday, January, 29 2021**. You may submit multiple nominations (different nominees) for each position. *Please make to sure to **speak with your prospective nominee(s) and obtain their consent prior to submitting!**

Position responsibilities can be viewed here:

- **Vice President / President – Elect:** <https://bit.ly/3i0HVj2>.
- **Treasurer:** <https://bit.ly/3oF4U5Q>.
- **Secretary:** <https://bit.ly/2MKsqA3>.
- **Nomination Form:** <https://bit.ly/35xjCnQ>.

If you have any questions or need assistance , please contact Retha.Hall@cpcc.edu, Nominating Chair.

A Note from our Awards Chairperson

This year **NCCCLA will award multiple conference grants!**

Conference grants this year will cover registration costs. For the first time ever up to 5 grants are available to librarians and 8



grants are available to paraprofessionals. Please visit <https://ncccla.org/awards/> for more information. **Applications are due February 12, 2021.**

Alisha Webb, Awards Chairperson

A Note from our Advocacy Chair

When I went to **ALA National Library Legislation Day** back in 2018, the message I heard repeated was Stories & Data. You have to give them the personal stories of people impacted by the library and then back it up with data. We are working on seeing what data we already have, and starting to collect stories. Given these times of COVID, we are collecting **short video testimonials** from students on how their Community College Library has made them a successful student. Bonus points if it includes Library support during COVID times! Each district should gather a **minimum of 2 video testimonials** (30-60 seconds) that we can use. Please be sure to have the student sign a model/video release form. If you have any questions or have a video to send in, contact Advocacy Committee Chair Cheryl Coyle, at cheryl.coyle@cpcc.edu.

Appointments & Retirements

Submitted by Staci Wilson at Catawba Valley Community College:



Zaria White is our new **Library Circulation Specialist**. She is a recent graduate of UNC Asheville where she majored in History and minored in U.S. Ethnic Studies. She started this job at **CVCC** during her so-called “gap year” between undergraduate and graduate school, and she hopes to begin a graduate program in Library Science soon. She is grateful to be a part of the CVCC library and campus teams, and she looks forward to meeting you all soon! Zaria also would like to thank everyone for the warm welcomes she has received thus far. Zaria has already joined Anita in creating helpful LibGuides! You can find her guide on Charlotte Hawkins Brown at <https://cvcc.libguides.com/CharlotteHawkinsBrown>. You can reach Zaria by email at zwhite562@cvcc.edu.



Amanda Higgins is an alumna of **CVCC** who went on to receive her BA from UNC-Asheville and MFA from Goddard College in Vermont. She will be working as the Library’s **Technical Services Specialist**. As a self-proclaimed “word nerd,” Amanda has worked as a professional journalist, taught courses in the Department of Developmental Education and the English Department, and she also served a stint in the Writing Center on campus. Her latest role brings her back to CVCC Library where she began her academic career as part of the work-study program when dirt was still new (her words, not mine!) Amanda doesn’t know it yet, but she’ll soon be Team LibGuide and sharing her expertise with our community (my words, not hers!)

When she’s not on campus, Amanda enjoys reading, writing, watching Star Trek, and taking her own missions of exploration into the great outdoors. She’s often accompanied by her

long-suffering husband, adorable daughter, and a foster dog or three. You can reach Amanda by email at ahiggins@cvcc.edu.

Submitted by Retha Hall Wilson at Central Piedmont Community College:

The **Central Piedmont Library** is proud to welcome **Becky White** as the new **Assistant** in our **Archives Department**. Working alongside archivist, Erin Allsop, Becky will help to prepare our institutional heritage materials and make them accessible to the public through research, instruction, and exhibition opportunities. Becky comes to us from the Central Piedmont Paralegal program and we know that her information literacy skills will be a positive addition to our outreach and advocacy efforts. We are happy to have Becky on our team! For questions or interest in learning more about Central Piedmont Archives, please contact archives@cpcc.edu or visit <https://www.cpcc.edu/about-central-piedmont/college-archives>.

Honors, Kudos & Presentations

The **Librarians' Association at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (LAUNC-CH)** Conference Committee has extended the deadline for proposals for the virtual **2021 LAUNC-CH Conference**, scheduled for Monday, March 8, 2021.

The deadline for proposals is now **Friday, January 15, 2021**.

The 2021 conference theme is: **Imagining a New Normal: Working Through Change and Changing Our Work**

The conference committee is calling for presentations, workshops, and posters that examine how we can change what we are doing to better serve our communities and a changing world.

Please submit your presentations, workshops, or poster proposals at <https://go.unc.edu/LAUNCCHproposal>.

If you have any questions, or if you're wondering whether your topic fits the conference theme, please contact Linda Jacobson: ljacobso@email.unc.edu.

Events and Professional Development

Submitted by Retha Hall Wilson at Central Piedmont Community College:

New Library

We're excited to announce the opening of our fourth library, located in the new **Mercancas IV** classroom building on Central Piedmont's Huntersville, NC, campus that opened for the spring 2021 semester. The 67,660 square-foot facility, designed by ADW Architects and constructed by Rodgers, features: a campus library, including a computer classroom and Student Technology Center, four science labs, nine general classrooms, Middle College at Merancas Campus classrooms and offices, reading and math labs, student commons areas, including multi-purpose rooms, Student Government Association lounge and offices, student study and lounge areas, a campus administration office suite and faculty office areas.

The \$27.5 million project was funded with Mecklenburg County 2013 Bonds.

Below are a few images. Check out more images of the new library shared by managing librarian, Abby Rovner here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ZEgnICFe197_iTTf5O_LkW79e5n5Y4-t



NC LIVE Science Librarianship in the Time of COVID

Wednesday, January 13, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

The Boston Library Consortium's Science and Engineering COI is pleased to host the second Science Librarianship in the Time of COVID-19 meeting. The event will showcase several lightning talks and presentations. Register at:

<https://emamo.com/event/science-librarianship-in-the-time-of-covid-19>.

NC LIVE Tutorials for New Resources

At Your Convenience

NC LIVE has created a cool new tutorial for their new resources: [LearningExpress Library](#), [Transparent Language](#), [Gale in Context: Biography](#), and [Just For Kids](#).

NC LIVE Project Management for Libraries Series

January - March

Libraries very often have project-based work that calls upon its current staff to provide the necessary skills to complete. This series will introduce library staff to the concept of what a project is and the basics of project management. This series will break out the various levels of a project from start up, planning, execution, monitoring, to closing out with each session. For more information and registration go to:

<https://minitex.umn.edu/events/webinar/2021-01/project-management-libraries-introduction>.

NC LIVE has more learning opportunities at: <https://www.nclive.org/instruction>.

NCLA: Help! I'm an Accidental Government Information Librarian: Current Population Survey: the Labor Survey for the United States

January 21, 12:00 noon

The Current Population Survey is the monthly labor survey for the USA and provides rich demographic data. It is also a rich source for many other topics including civic engagement, computer & internet use, education, fertility & marriage, food security, immunization, public arts, and more. Learn about its history, changes, and how to access both summary data as well as microdata. Register at:

https://ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wA7fH2GOTKmZH5KydQo-g.

Info2Go!: Restorative Justice in Libraries

January 25, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Conflict is inevitable in libraries & figuring out what to do when people break the rules while maintaining relationships with patrons can be hard. This webinar will introduce restorative justice, describe the positive impact it has had, and provide an outline of library procedures for dealing with patron behavior issues with restorative practices. Register at:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=xfkwka7ab&oeidk=a07ehffzz3162e084b6>.

News Literacy Project: Avoiding the Rabbit Hole: How to Recognize and Understand Conspiratorial Thinking

January 27, 4:00-5:00 pm

Join subject matter expert John Silva and Shaelynn Farnsworth of the News Literacy Project for a conversation about conspiracy theories. For more information, go to:

<https://newslit.org/updates/edweb-webinar-avoiding-the-rabbit-hole-how-to-recognize-and-understand-conspiratorial-thinking/>.



NCLA Biennial Conference

October 19 - 22, 2021

The 64th Biennial Conference will be held in Winston-Salem, hosted jointly by NCLA and SELA (Southeastern Library Association). The theme is "S.E.E. the Future: Support. Educate. Empower." More information is coming soon!



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NCCCLA New Member Highlight

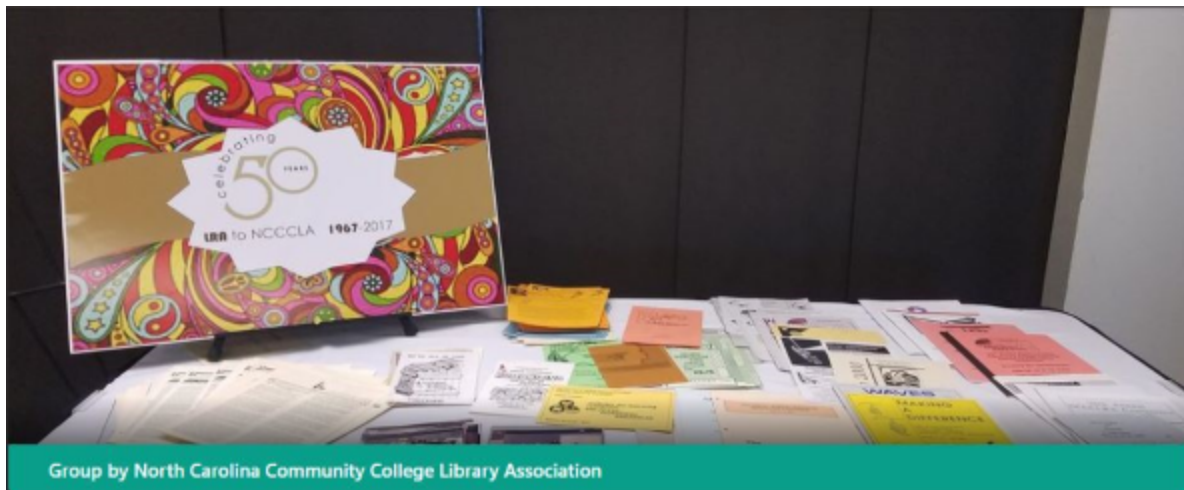


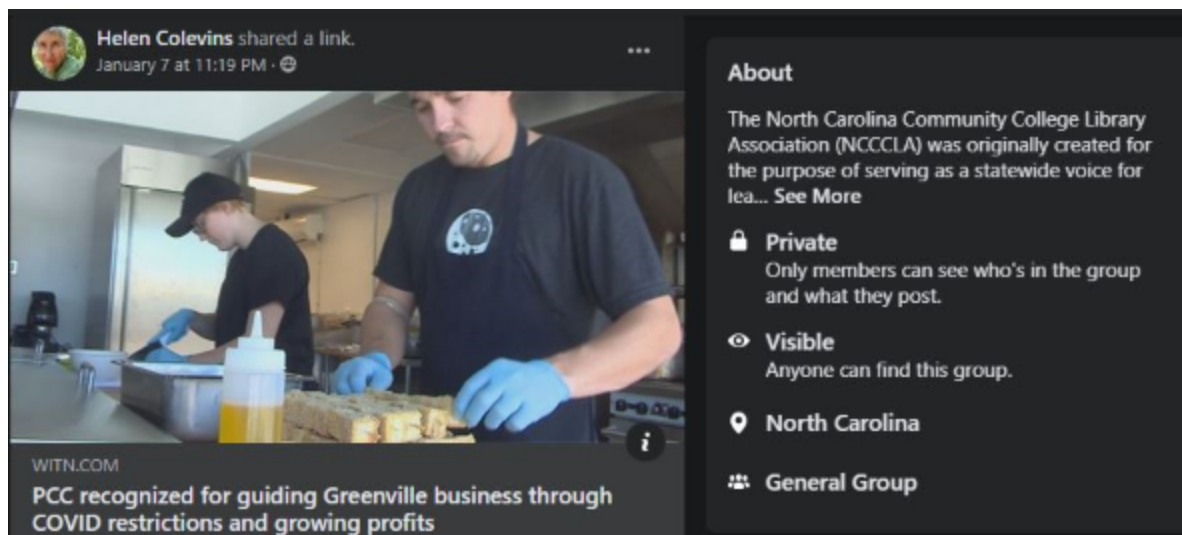
From **Loren Mindell**: Hello! I am a new librarian at **Richmond Community College**. A big believer in what community colleges can do for people, I went through Library Support Staff Certification at City College of San Francisco and worked as a library technician at Santa Barbara CC while earning my MLIS. It is an exciting time to be starting this new job! The past year has been an exercise in providing equitable service to distance learners. One of my goals in this position is to reduce barriers that rural

communities face when accessing online education.

NCCCLA on Facebook

Do you use Facebook to keep on top of library-related news? Join our group to share ideas, news and other pressing information that cannot wait until the next newsletter comes out.





The **NCCCLA Facebook** page can be viewed by going to the following address: <https://www.facebook.com/ncccla>. Please contact Angela Davis, NCCCLA webmaster, at adavis@email.pittcc.edu if you have any questions. Happy posting!

Past NCCCLA eNewsletters

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Share with your NCCCLA Community

Do you have news and events from your library or district to share?

Contact **Katy Hoffer**, **NCCCLA Communications Officer**, at kshoffler@waketech.edu. Our next eNewsletter is scheduled for February!