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North Carolina Community College
Library Association

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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 President

Greetings!

I can't believe it is July and that we have been in this pandemic for so long! I'm certainly feeling the effects of the Corona-coaster: One day I'm doing great, living my best life, baking bread, working out, painting my kitchen, accomplishing lots of work projects; the very next day, I'm barely functioning, angry at everything, missing my parents and friends, and even finding myself longing for things I didn't even use to like. Anyway, I hope that everyone is managing in their own ways, and I look forward to when we can all get together again. Thank you for participating in the webinar series and taking the opportunity to connect with one another. I have found them informative and am learning from you all constantly. Special thanks to all of the wonderful presenters. This week we will be wrapping up the series with Cheryl Ann's presentation on copyright and tattoos.



Jennifer Seagraves
Johnston Community College
NCCCLA President 2020-2021

It is such an odd time in history it would be shameful not record how the pandemic has affected our community college libraries. That being said, I would like to create some kind of collection of pictures of our spaces, social distancing measures in our libraries, and staff during this reopening phase. If you have a couple of minutes, please send me some pictures of your library and staff, and I will work out something over the next few months.

The first meeting of our Equity Sub-Committee will be this week on July 16th at 4pm. If you are still interested in joining, please email me at j_seagraves@johnstoncc.edu.

Some things that are making me happy this week:

- I reread Ta-Nehisi Coates' *Between the World and Me*, and although it is a challenging read, it is important to me that I engage in it.
- Finally, I am getting out of my house to a family owned beach house this week.
- The long awaited (by me) sequel to the Fug Girls first book *The Royal We* is finally out, so I will be reading *The Heir Affair* this week.
- Blue cheese on salads.

Best,

Jennifer

Honors, Kudos & Presentations

Congratulations to the FY2020-2021 LSTA Grand Recipients:

Central Carolina Community College:

This project aims to provide a series of intensive, entertaining, and educationally-focused sessions to 3rd year students in early college high schools in Chatham, Lee and Harnett counties. The library currently hosts workshops in Information Literacy to aid in the transition from the Siler City campus of the Chatham School of Science and Engineering to the Pittsboro campus of Central Carolina Community College. These workshops aim to give students a sense of comfort in the library, and teach the basic skills needed to conduct research for their college level courses. This grant will allow the CCCC Library to continue and strengthen these workshops in Chatham county, while also addressing similar issues in each of the college's three county service areas. The workshops aim to help students bridge the gap between high school and college level research, mapping the AASL National School Library Standards to the ACRL Framework for Information Literacy.

Martin Community College Library:

The demographic makeup and service area of Martin Community College, which serves two Tier 1 counties, make our students particularly subject to the achievement gap that has been documented to exist between students of different races, income levels, and geographic areas. Multiple studies have demonstrated that library use can improve students' academic performance. The Martin Community College Library's goal is to decrease the achievement gap for our students by fully equipping the library's new instruction lab and providing targeted programming. The grant funding will provide tablets for use by a pilot class of curriculum students using open electronic textbooks, meeting in the library instruction lab, and having access to an embedded librarian, lecturers for a cultural lecture series in the lab, open to all MCC students, and book discussion group supplies.

Mitchell Community College:

The Huskins Library at Mitchell Community College will establish a flexible and multi-functional makerspace lab to support students, faculty, and staff. The creation of the makerspace lab within the library will foster interdisciplinary partnership, cooperation, and innovation. The versatile space will have broad appeal and contain a wide variety of tools, ranging from high-tech to low-tech, and non-technical materials. The makerspace lab will encourage discovery and exploration within a safe, supervised environment. Skills learned in the lab will enhance classroom experiences and contribute to mastery of 21st century skills necessary to work cooperatively and think outside the box. The creative space will cultivate use of tools often used in an employment setting. Exposure to such tools and materials will develop transferable skills, from lab to workplace.

Vance-Granville Community College Library:

Vance-Granville Community College intends to strengthen the capacity of the library and its students by equipping students with up-to-date technology. Laptops, tablets, smartboards, and other technologies will be purchased to create collaborative and flexible workspaces in the library.

Events

Fun Friday Series

To provide library staff with an opportunity to take a break and enjoy relaxing virtual activities to wind down the work week, the **Central Piedmont Library** Training Committee developed and implemented a Fun Friday series. Each week volunteer library staff share their hobbies and talents with their colleagues. The CPCC Library and the **Metrolina Library Association** (MLA) partnered together to host The Art of Quilting on Thursday, July 9.

This special presentation featured **Emily Leachman**, Senior Librarian at Central Piedmont Library. During the hour long session, Emily demonstrated different quilting types and techniques, showcased some of the beautiful quilts that she's made over the years, and showed participants a fun hand piecing technique that requires minimal supplies. Attendees were also provided with a handout which includes a link to Emily's personal quilting blog and additional [resources](#). The recording of the event is [here](#).



Our most recent session, **Gardening without a Yard**, was presented by **Denise Keating**, Harper Campus Librarian. Donned in her gardening gear (and some of the attendees), Denise introduced attendees to helpful tips and ideas on easy to grow herbs, flowers and vegetables. She also shared information on planting frost dates, recommended types of potting containers and soil mixtures, and a photo and virtual tour of items in her gardens. View the presentation [here](#).



Other enlightening and engaging sessions have also been a part of the Fun Friday presentations: No Sew Mask-Making (Emily Leachman), Baking Tips: How to Ice a Cupcake & More (Jennifer Arnold), 3D Printing (Chad Fortner) and Stretching and Cardio Tips (Garrison Libby). Upcoming scheduled presentations include Art Journaling (Cheryl Coyle), and Colombian

Food (Giselle & Mario).

Professional Development

NCLA is having their first **Virtual Conference: Un-Cancelled!** this Friday, July 17th. For more information and to register, go to: <https://nclaonline.wildapricot.org/conference>.

The **State Library of North Carolina** is launching a statewide initiative to encourage all libraries in North Carolina to join with us and the **American Library Association** to promote and celebrate **National Voter Registration Day (NVRD)** on September 22, 2020. By registering as a partner organization, your library can host events, social media campaigns, and voter registration drives on National Voter Registration Day to increase awareness about voter registration, mail-in voting, early voting, absentee ballots, and more. You can even host your events virtually.

For more information on how to participate and sign up to be a partner, please visit the State Library [NVRD toolkit](#). The State Library plans to host "office hours" and planning webinars for partner libraries to share ideas (stay tuned for these dates.) You may also want to register [here](#) for the free ALA webinar: **Ready to Vote: Hosting National Voter Registration Day at Your Library** scheduled for July 23, 2020 3:00 pm.

Join the **CJCLS Executive Board** online for a discussion with other community college librarians on Monday, July 27, 2020 at 2:00 pm. This online forum is a follow up from June 1's discussion. The focus of the conversation will be about textbooks, course reserves and OERs. Register [here](#) for **Let's Talk About It: Everything Textbooks**.

ACRL History Librarians Interest Group has a webinar, **Teaching Online in Unusual Times** on Monday, July 27, 2020 at 12:00 noon. Register [here](#).

You can find more free upcoming **ACRL** events [here](#).

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