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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, NCCCLA members!

I hope you are all well and finding some peace in these crazy times. I have been deeply upset by the events of the last week and have been finding ways to better educate myself and those around me. I'm really appreciating the posts encouraging others to read and learn, and as librarians, I feel like we have a responsibility to provide quality content. Personally, I have been creating some book lists and am thinking of some new displays for when we return. I am trying to get a campus wide book club together to read Ta-Nehisi Coates *Between the World and Me*. I'm open to ideas on how to make my library and collection a more inclusive space.



Jennifer Seagraves  
Johnston Community College  
NCCCLA President 2020-2021

I have some exciting news for you! We are continuing the webinar series and will be launching a summer series later this month. Thank you for filling out the survey and providing us feedback on the webinar series. We have taken your comments and suggestions. For the upcoming series, some of our topics include using Sirsi to do inventory, a roundtable discussion with libraries that are currently open, a session on Virtual Learning Communities from the NCCCS, and another session on copyright. There is your sneak peek but check the website for more information (which should be coming soon).

\*Also, I wanted to give you all a friendly reminder to please login to your [Memberplanet](#) account and make sure that all of your information and emails are up to date.\*

Things making me happy:

1. *Normal People* by Sally Rooney—I just finished Sally Rooney's book *Normal People* and was struck by the insight and writing of a 28 year old. Sally Rooney is a well-known Marxist in Ireland, and I had fun trying to identify that in her writing. Even better was that I got to reconnect with four of my best friends from high school and from my freshman dorm at UVA to discuss it. What's better than enjoying an evening beverage with friends discussing literature—even if it is on Zoom? If you prefer television, there is a tv adaptation on Hulu, but I haven't tried it out yet.

2. ALA—Virtual Conference is at the end of the month!

3. Code Switch—If you didn't know by now, I love my podcasts! This one is providing me with

thoughtful reflection during these times. The authors describe themselves as, "... a multi-racial, multi-generational team of journalists fascinated by the overlapping themes of race, ethnicity and culture, how they play out in our lives and communities, and how all of this is shifting."

Jennifer

## A Note from Our Awards Chairperson

### Mertys Bell Memorial Scholarship Winner



**Bridget Braddom**, student at East Carolina University, is awarded the Mertys Bell scholarship for the year 2020. Bridget began her career as a teacher and has twenty-six years of teaching experience in grades kindergarten through 8th grade. She enters librarianship as her second career. Bridget is currently a school media specialist at Walter Bickett Elementary School in Monroe, NC.

Bridget chose librarianship because she wants to expose under-privileged children to the joy of reading. She also has a strong belief in exposing her students to technology. Bridget's love of "her kids" spills over as she speaks about her role in their education. She wants to open the world of reading to them.

Bridget would like to thank the NCCCLA for their influence and leadership in providing the scholarship. The scholarship will help with the financial burden of completing her degree. It will also allow her to continue her education so that she will be an influence in the lives of her students.

### Scottie W. Cox Memorial Scholarship Winner

**Sherry Barnes** is awarded the Scottie W. Cox Memorial scholarship for the year 2020. She is currently a student at East Carolina University.

Sherry's first career was an elementary school teacher for twenty-two years. School librarianship is her second career. She is a school media specialist at Bertie Middle School in Windsor, NC. Sherry loves books and loves sharing the joys of reading with students at the middle school.

Sherry deeply appreciates the scholarship. This will help her with tuition so that she can continue in her job and education. The scholarship is a prayer that came true.



## Events and Professional Development

**Metrolina Library Association** has its **2020 Conference: Preserving the Past, Renewing the Present, Imagining the Future** this Thursday, June 11th. This year, it's free and online! For details and registration, go to: <http://www.mlalibrary.org/>.

The second Library 2.020 mini-conference: "**Small, Rural, and Independent Libraries**," will be held online (and for free) on Wednesday, June 17th, from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm. This mini-conference will focus on innovation and innovative thinking in rural, independent, tribal, and other small libraries--as well as the many unique challenges that they face. For details and

registration, go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/library-2020-small-rural-and-independent-libraries-registration-101568361704>.

The **SUNYLA Annual Conference** will be virtual on June 17 and 18. Registration is \$10, and ACRL's Academic/Research Librarian of 2019, **Kaetrena Davis Kendrick** is the keynote presenter. For details and registration, go to: <https://sunyla2020.wordpress.com/>.

**ACRL** has a free online presentation, **Deficit or equity: Decoding implicit thinking and practice in information literacy teaching and learning**, on Thursday, June 18th, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Find out more at: <https://www.acrl.ala.org/ULS/deficit-or-equity-decoding-implicit-thinking/>.

ALA's 2020 Conference, **ALA Virtual - Community Through Connection** is June 24-26! And it's only \$60 for members! For more information go to: <https://2020.alavirtualevent.org/>.

**NCLA** is planning their first **Virtual Conference** on Friday, July 17th. They will have more information later at: <http://www.nclaonline.org/conference>.

### **NMRT Crowdsourced PD List**

NMRT has created a crowdsourced list of free webinars and training for Academic library staff at: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jJt1qoNqe\\_XteGFvzK2vq\\_fzutTAP8XCjESH8pHmFxE/edit#](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jJt1qoNqe_XteGFvzK2vq_fzutTAP8XCjESH8pHmFxE/edit#)

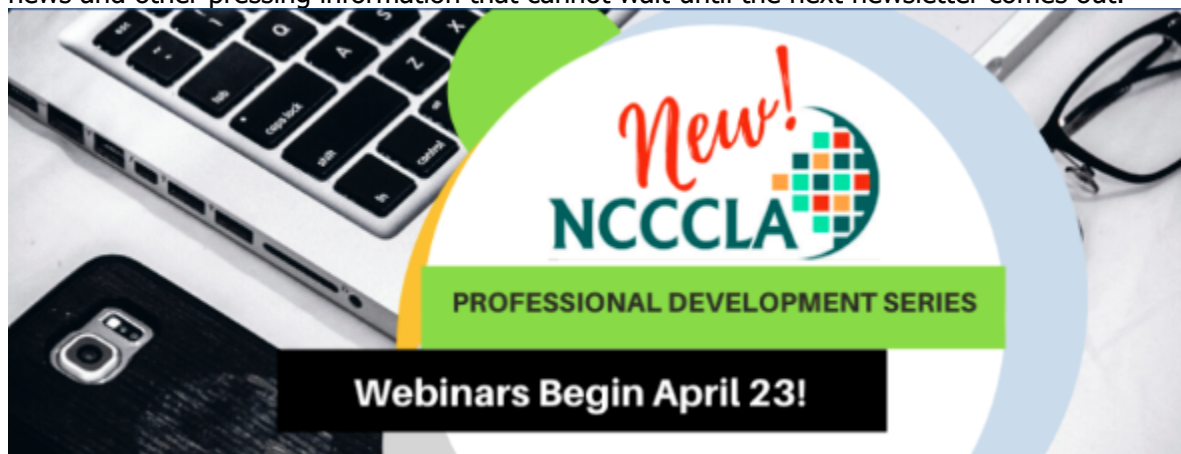
## **NCCCLA New Member Highlight**

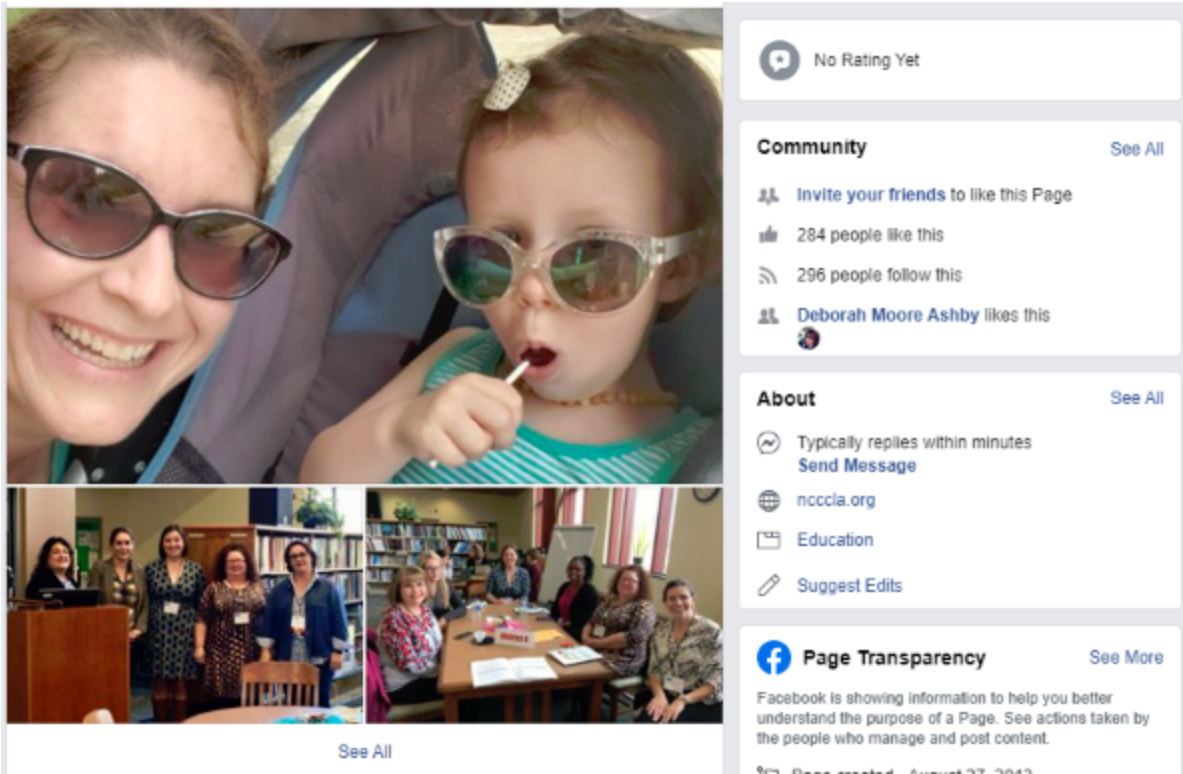
**Carol Keck:** I'm the Technical Services Librarian for **Guilford Technical Community College**. My areas of responsibility include collection development, managing the capital budget, and our ILS. Outside the college, I'm Acquisitions Interest Chair of the NCLA Resources and Technical Services Section. Having grown up in Guilford County, I'm as Southern as they come. However, if I'd been born a few years earlier, I'd probably have been a flower child. What a long, strange trip it's been!

Other new members are: **Lori Anderson** (Rowan-Cabarrus CC), **Nathan Stancil** (Johnston CC), **Megan Gill** (Craven CC), **Amy Bondy** (Guilford Technical CC). Welcome to NCCCLA!

## **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](mailto:adavis@email.pittcc.edu) if you have any questions. Happy posting!

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**Our next eNewsletter is scheduled for July!**

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