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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

Hi all,

Well I thought last month was my last month as president but I was wrong and apologize if I repeat myself on some topics. It's been a wild ride this year and we have continued to adapt and survive both professionally and personally. We had to navigate, reevaluate, rebuild, and rethink library services and spaces during a pandemic. Some of us have remained virtual and isolated at home while others have returned to the workplace. In the workplace, we have dealt with social distancing, masks, and constant change and flexibility.



Jennifer Seagraves  
Johnston Community College  
NCCCLA President 2020-2021

This experience has been so uniquely different for each of us as we have navigated our own libraries and personal situations. Some of us have been alone and isolated craving connection while others have been surrounded by our families and have even had to take on new responsibilities like homeschooling. Some of us haven't seen family or loved ones in a long time. I have heard from many of you who have been ill, had deaths, fallen on hard times, seen others suffer, been afflicted by the political climate, suffered from mental health issues, and just been hanging on by a thread at points. I have been there as well and have been tested in ways I never could have imagined over this past year. However, as a group we have continued to connect and to support one another during this time. We have found ways to connect professionally through webinars, our committee work, socials, social media, and checking in on one another. We are a strong group of people and the way we have networked this year has impressed me. Please continue to show up, check in on, and support one another. Kindness goes a long way and I have been blown away by yours this past year.

- A few highlights from the year that everyone should take pride in:
- Implementing two professional development webinar series for NCCCLA
- Alan and Joel's work on the Dogwood Digital Library
- Samantha, Maria, Katy, Angela, Cheryl rocking the committee planning and implementing our first ever virtual conference
- Libby's work in representing us at NCLA
- Forming the Equity Sub-Committee which has now been voted a standing committee!
- Advocacy Committee continuing to develop and expand
- Equity statement from the Equity Committee and upcoming toolkit
- Socials for connecting

- Reworked a couple NCCCLA job descriptions
- CCCLA representatives advocating for us

Finally, I'm excited to announce our newest Board members and welcome them aboard!

- Brittany Champion - Vice President /President-elect
- Alicia Hartley - Treasurer
- Ali Norvell - Secretary

Please congratulate them when you see them and thank them for stepping up. I hope to connect with you at the conference later this week.

Cheers,

Jennifer

## NCCCLA 2021 Conference: This Week



Our virtual **2021 NCCCLA Conference** is finally here! Remember to buy your RAFFLE tickets at: <https://www.memberplanet.com/s/ncccla/2021-scholarship-fund>. We will draw for prizes after Vendor presentations.

The Conference Schedule is getting its final tweaks. To all registered attendees: Keep your eyes out for an email with the information about the conference schedule and a link to our virtual program. AND, look for some fun swag in your mail! "See" you there!

Samantha O'Connor

## Events and Professional Development

### #RIOReads2021 with Philip Gerard

Thursday, March 11 at 7:00 pm

RIO, the Reference Instruction and Outreach group of the NCICU Library Collaborative would like to invite you to our March event: a free, virtual book talk with Philip Gerard. We are doing a community-wide read of his book "Down the Wild Cape Fear" which is available in the NCLIVE Home Grown eBook Collection. Register at: <https://sites.google.com/view/rioreads2021philipgerard/home>

### **BLOSSOM: Building Live-Long Opportunities for Strength, Self-Care, Outlook Morale, and Mindfulness**, Free

March 24, 25, and 26, 2021

The symposium will provide library staff at all levels, including management, with key takeaways to improve library staff's health and wellness. This event is open to all library staff regardless of employment status and to library science students. For more information, go to: <https://blossom.heysummit.com/#>

### **NC Live: Exploring Black Digital History**

Thursday, March 11, 2021, 2pm - 3 pm

Olivia Peacock will share about her efforts to create Digital Black History, a free searchable listing of digital Black History projects that have been created by individuals and institutions. This website not only curates those projects, but also lets users use keywords to search for the appropriate resources to supplement their research. Dr. Jan Davidson (Cape Fear Museum, NC) will describe a new online map and timeline which pieces together a timeline of the events that led up to the 1898 Wilmington Massacre. Learn more and sign up at: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2308797809302649613>

### **Conference on Academic Library Management (CALM)**

March 15-19, 2021

The Conference on Academic Library Management (CALM) strives to fill a gap in the academic library professional development landscape by focusing on practical management skills and concrete practices. For more information, go to: <https://www.conferenceonacademiclibrarymanagement.com/>

### **2021 Southeast Collaborative Online Conference**

March 16-18, 2021

The 2021 Southeast Collaborative Online Conference is a collective effort by the State Library of North Carolina, South Carolina State Library, Georgia Public Library Service, and Library of Virginia to offer innovative and useful online learning experiences for library staff at all levels through a convenient online conference. For more information, go to: <https://sites.google.com/view/southeastcollaborative/SECC-Home?authuser=0>

### **9th Annual Kraemer Copyright Conference**

June 7 and 8, 2021

The Kraemer Copyright Conference is a dynamic and enriching FREE conference that offers public, academic, special, and school librarians the opportunity to learn about U.S. Copyright Law, recent updates to the law, and how it impacts the services we offer our library users. This conference provides an opportunity for professionals at every level and across libraries to discuss the importance of copyright in libraries. Registration is FREE and opens Monday, April 12, 2021 at <https://copyright.uccs.edu/>

### **Metrolina Library Association (MLA): Call For Proposals**

Due April 9 for Conference June 10, 2021

MLA will be hosting a free virtual conference this summer on June 10. The theme is "The Next Chapter: Libraries Post - Pandemic". For more information about MLA, go to: <http://www.mlalibrary.org/>

### **NCLA Biennial Conference: Call for Proposals**

Due April 16 for 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." <https://nclaonline.org/conference> #NCLA21



## **NCCCLA New Member Highlights**



From **Ramona DeAngelus**: I am currently the Director of Library Services at **McDowell Technical Community College**. I have been in this position for one year. I have been with MTCC for 15 years. Seven of those years were in Student Services and Health Sciences and 6 years as Internal Compliance for Continuing Education.

This past year has been very interesting. I started in January of 2020. Then you know what happened in March. In July we closed for a complete remodel and hope to open back up the first week of March. It has been quite the rollercoaster year to say the least. I look forward to reopening with our beautiful updated library!!

I am married to the love of my life Carlo. We have 3 kids and 2 grandkids. We currently live with our 3 dogs Hans, Gretchen

and Leonard and our cat Kit-Kat in the beautiful mountains of WNC. In my free time I love to read, hike, travel, eat and chase the sun. :)

From **Anita McRary**: As recent graduate of the Master of Library and Information Studies program at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro, Anita McRary has been promoted from the Library Circulation Specialist at **Catawba Valley Community College** to Outreach and Instruction Librarian.

A high school dropout, Anita began her advanced studies with a high school equivalency from CCC&TI followed by a few classes at CVCC prior to the advent of the Internet. She completed a Bachelor of General Studies at Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, Georgia. Afterward, she contracted with the Department of Social Services for many years facilitating classes and conducting home evaluations for prospective foster and adoptive parents. In 2012, she returned to college and completed a Masters in English at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Georgia, and began teaching English as part of the adjunct faculty at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute upon her return to North Carolina where she set up house in Granite Falls with her husband, Bryan, and their playful border collie, Margaret Louise.



**Amanda Higgins** is the Technical Services Specialist at **Catawba Valley Community College** where she began her academic career in the library as part of their work-study program. Amanda has an AA from CVCC, her BA from UNC-Asheville, and MFA from Goddard College in Vermont. She has worked as an educator and journalist before returning to where it all began in her current role at the library. Now she enjoys telling students in the work-study program how she started exactly where they are, except the chairs weren't as nice back then. When she's not in the library, Amanda can usually be found watching Star Trek, wrangling her 4-year-old daughter, or discussing the finer points of the perfect pizza with her husband.

**Courtney Bippley** started at **Durham Technical Community College** as a part-time Library Technician and is now a full-time Reference Librarian. She graduated with a Masters of Science in Library Science from UNC Chapel Hill. She is the creator and host of the Durham Tech Library's podcast, Out Loud in the Library, where she interviews members of the campus community and provides regular library updates. When not working she enjoys reading sci-fi/fantasy books, books about food, and the occasional memoir. If you ever need a favor she accepts bribes in the form of a good cup of coffee.



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