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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 New President

Happy October!

Cooler weather is really right around the corner and I can't wait. We have several other things to look forward to over the course of this month, too. First, conference planning is moving along, though many details are still up in the air due to COVID related concerns. The conference planning committee has chosen a theme, a logo, and a keynote speaker. Now we just need to pin down a format and location! Next, our Equity committee has several changes to announce, starting with the name: they are now the DEI Committee. They brought a name change and a set of by-laws to the last Executive Board Meeting and both were unanimously approved. Finally, look for some changes to our communications and website over the next year. We will be working on restructuring those duties to make them a little bit easier on everyone involved.



Samantha O'Connor
Central Carolina Community College
NCCCLA President 2021-2022

Enjoy the upcoming fall weather, ideally with the hot beverage of your choice. I think I'll probably be buying my first apple cider of the year pretty soon!

Cheers,

Samantha

Appointments & Retirements

From **Jenny Thomas**: On September 1, 2021, **Debbie Luck** retired as **Dean of Library Services** at **Randolph Community College** in Asheboro after 33 years of service. Debbie dedicated much of her time to NCCCLA, CCCLA, and was one of the original founders of the NCCCAA (North Carolina Community College Archives Association). She plans to work on her family's genealogy research, learn to preserve and retouch old photographs, and document old local cemetery headstones. She looks forward to spending more time with her family and more time reading. She plans to continue to make book recommendations at RCC Library and will be visiting frequently to check out murder mysteries and thrillers.

Stay Tuned for an interview with Debbie in November's newsletter. **Do you have a question for Debbie?** If so, please send it to Katy Hoffler (kshoffler@waketech.edu) by Monday,

Libby Stone Interview:

Where were you born? Where did you grow up?

I was born and raised in the small town of Blacksburg, South Carolina.

When/why did you decide to become a librarian?

In high school, I volunteered to work in our library to get out of study hall. I never knew then that I would actually become a librarian! I majored in English at Erskine College, could not decide what I wanted to do with it, and my first part time job was at the Mauney Memorial Library in Kings Mountain. I was there for about eight months until I was able to find full time work, but by then I knew I loved libraries and decided to pursue my MLIS at UNC-Greensboro.



You have been a librarian most of your life, what is the most rewarding experience you had during all these years of service?

I would have to say that my volunteer work with NCCCLA has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have had. I served in many roles over the years, as District 5 Director, Awards Chair, Vice President, President, Procedures Officer, and finally Advocacy. The friendships I have made with library professionals in community colleges around the state have been priceless! With advocacy I have found my passion, and that is what has led me to become NCLA Vice President.

How do you think we can keep libraries relevant in our colleges?

One thing I learned when I attended the NCLA Leadership Institute many years ago in 2008 is that we have to be willing to "show up, speak up, and step up." No matter what position you have in libraries, whether you are in acquisitions, cataloging, circulation, or reference, you are an important part of the team. You are what makes libraries relevant in the work that you do. Libraries are vital to student success. Never forget that, and never be afraid to make everyone aware of that fact.

What are your plans for your retirement?

I'm retiring after 25 years with the community college system, but I am too young (yes I am!) to truly retire. I plan to continue to volunteer with the NCCCLA Advocacy Committee. I will be NCLA President after the conference (register now!!) and will have four more years on the NCLA Executive Board. I do hope to travel and eventually find a good part time job to keep me busy.

Tell us a little about your interests and hobbies.

Reading, of course! I enjoy travelling, yoga, riding my bicycle, and eventually hope to get back to exploring some local nature trails. I love the outdoors, except when it is 90 degrees outside! I'm also interested in genealogy so I'm hoping to do some research into my families' history.

Do you have any crazy/fun library stories you would like to share?

While working at Morris Library, Gaston College, we had frequent "visitors" - most were welcome, some were not. For example, we often had lizards, crickets, and the occasional bird,

which we safely escorted out of the building as best as we could. Thankfully the snakes, raccoons and skunks stayed outside!! One Friday morning, we were graced by the presence of a squirrel! As you can imagine, he was terrified - and so were we. My coworker and I managed to chase him into my office, of all places, and I closed the door to trap him inside. We called our Campus Police, because who else do you call when you have a problem patron? They sent over two men from our maintenance department, "Toad" and Ronny. They brought with them what appeared to be a huge butterfly net. I'm not sure that they had ever used it before, especially in the case of trapping a squirrel. It was hilarious to watch, the squirrel jumped on my desk, ran across my window sill and hid behind my credenza. Toad was patient, Ronny was level-headed, and after about 10 minutes they were able to catch the squirrel in the net, and they set him free in the woods behind campus. Toad and Ronny were our heroes that day, and we all had a funny story to share!

Events and Professional Development

Truth and Reconciliation: Decolonizing Approaches Within Social Memory Institutions

October 13, 12:00 noon

In this session, Ry Moran will discuss foundational principles of decolonization and how they relate to the broad work of Truth and Reconciliation underway across Canada and beyond. The presentation will take into consideration multiple pasts, presents and futures enmeshed in this work and will explore how human rights-based frameworks provide a path forward. For more information go to: <https://www.ala.org/rt/irrt/initiatives>.

Historical Company Research Webinar

October 13, 1:00 pm

The Historical Company Research Webinar covers strategies and resources business librarians at the Library of Congress use to research old companies. While the class uses resources available at the Library of Congress, some of the resources are available through your local library or historical society, both of which have resources to help with this type of research. We plan on covering print and electronic sources, both free and subscription, as well as giving a few tips and tricks picked up over the years. More information at: https://loc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_gx1RaGI5REOdbnmN0KSV0A

Literature Searching for Animal Use Alternatives

October 13, 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Please join Jessie Kull, Erika Edwards and Dr. Aisha Ellis from the National Agricultural Library's (NAL) Animal Welfare Information Center (AWIC) as they discuss how to navigate various online databases, basic concepts of literature searching, and lastly, a live demonstration of how to design and run a literature search. To find out more, go to: <https://okstate.libcal.com/event/8277638>.

Cultural Sensitivity: Avoiding Unconscious Bias

October 14, 11:00 am

In this session, we examine how implicit attitudes and perceptions result in subtle forms of bias. Attendees will develop an understanding of the impact of unconscious bias in the workplace. The session will include practical tools, strategies and frameworks they can apply to combat bias in the workplace. Learn more and sign up at: <https://statelibrary.ncdcr.libcal.com/event/8364877>.

ASERL: One is the Loneliest Number: DEI Perspective

October 14, 1:00 pm

Join us for a panel discussion where librarians share their diverse perspectives on being the "only one" or "one of the few" BIPOC librarians in their library. During this important talk, panel members will discuss what support, if any, they receive from leadership, navigating workplace politics, balancing diversity work within their traditional job duties, and any advice they would

give organizations for future DEI recruitment strategies. For more information, go to: <https://www.atla.com/event/pda-series-one-is-the-loneliest-number-dei-perspective/>.

2021 NCLA Conference

October 18-21, 2021

Registration for #NCLA21 is open!

For more details, including the full conference schedule, please see the conference home page at: <https://nclaonline.org/conference>.



Going Virtual: Programs and Insights from a Time of Crisis

October 20, 12:00 noon

In "Going Virtual: Programs and Insights from a Time of Crisis" (ALA Editions, 2021) ALA's Public Programs Office (PPO) presents a handpicked cross-section of successful programs from library workers who met a host of challenges in the wake of COVID-19. Join us for this free webinar to learn about five of the programs featured in the "Going Virtual" book. For more information, go to:

<https://programminglibrarian.org/learn/going-virtual-programs-and-insights-time-crisis>.

How to Talk So Your Boss Will Listen: The Fine Art of Conversing with Your Supervisor

October 21, 2:00 pm

Are your conversations with your boss not getting the results you desire? A panel of library directors and managers will discuss best practices for effective and rewarding communication with your supervisor and offer examples of Q&A dos and don'ts in this interactive program. Register at: <https://go.ncsu.edu/e9v3wm9>.

Library 2.021 mini-conference: Libraries as Community Anchors

October 21, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

In light of the recent Covid-19 pandemic and other natural disasters such as floods, drought, firestorms, hurricanes, and tornadoes, universal access to the internet has never been more important. Libraries increasingly have an important role to play: as second responders in large scale events via the development and deployment of collaborative connectivity projects; in developing strategies to bridge technological digital divides; and to promote digital access, equity, opportunity, and inclusion. For more information, go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/library-2021-libraries-as-community-anchors-registration-165258497615>.

Story Within a Story: Black Feminist Approaches to LIS Research

October 22, 2:00 pm

Dr. LaVerne Gray will address narratology (autoethnography, storytelling), historicism, and creative critical-qualitative approaches to studying information experiences in Black women. Dr. Gray's approach to the research methods situates the voice of both the researcher and subject. Register at: https://ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ia0Vkm_DRZqIJ3W4F0jeLw.

Even More Open: Inclusive Design in Open Educational Resources

October 27, 2021, 2:00 pm

Jeff Gallant, Program Director of Affordable Learning Georgia, will demonstrate new methods in inclusive design, from things you can do yourself within Microsoft Word to ALG's new

inclusive web-based platform for open textbooks, OpenALG. For more information, go to: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4NXPf1ojS_a_RBvj5BhdFQ.

Teaching Digital Literacy Through Google's Applied Digital Skills Program October 28, 2:00 pm

Jamillah Scott-Branch and Danielle Colbert-Lewis from NC Central University will introduce, discuss, and demonstrate how librarians can promote digital literacy skills among students and staff by incorporating Google's Applied Digital Skills curriculum. Register at <https://bit.ly/3hriEzp>.

Assessment Made Easy: An Introduction to Project Outcome November 8, 2:00 pm

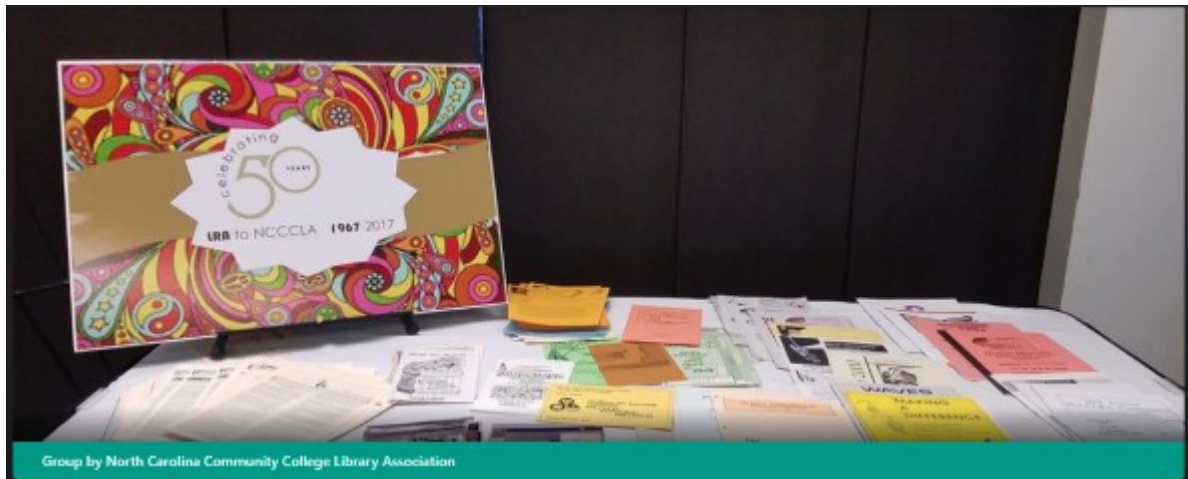
ALA's assessment platform, Project Outcome, was originally made for public libraries to capture data on engagement, attendance, transactions with patrons as well as other library activities. More recently, the academic library version was released. This session will cover the pros and cons of the platform as well as a brief demo of an on-the-spot assessment tool. While using the academic library version, participants from all types of libraries can benefit from the overview. For more information, go to: <https://forms.gle/yymmWuRxuBF9JrwtP9>.

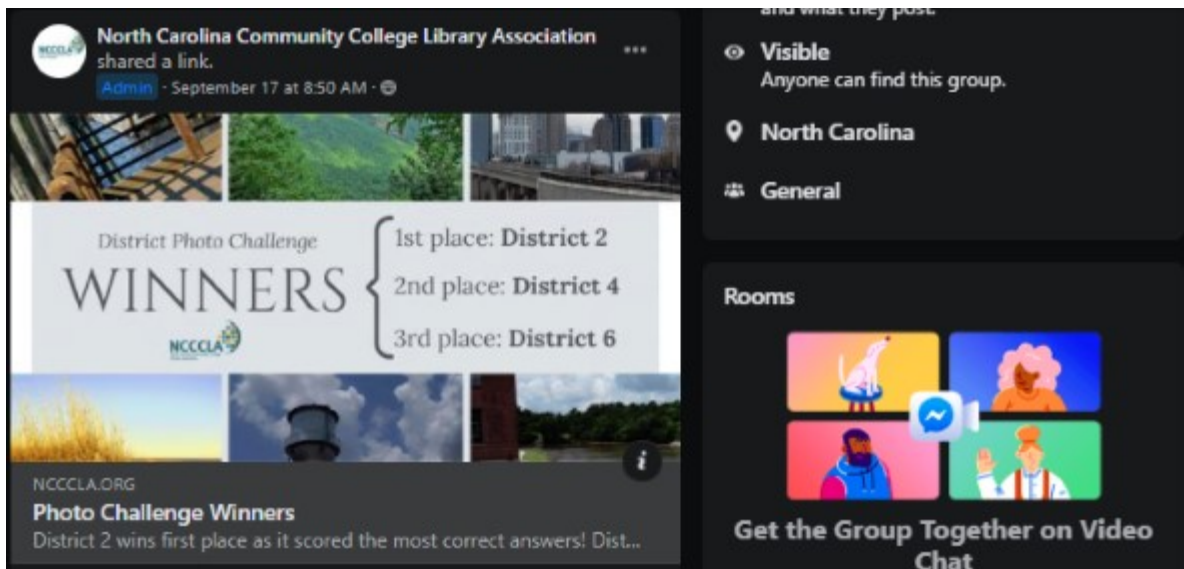
Entrepreneurial Mindset Course on NC Live Website Self-paced

In partnership with EBSCO and the Entrepreneurial Learning Initiative, NC LIVE is pleased to offer access to a self-paced, online course for library staff and patrons on cultivating an entrepreneurial mindset. Once you enroll, you have access to the course materials for 365 days. You can also access the course materials on multiple devices. To access this free course, go to: <https://academy.elimindset.com/p/icehouseentrepreneurshipprogram23131>

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.





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