

NCCCLA NEWSLETTER

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Images - Left: MCC horses by Sam Love; Right: reading area

FEATURED LIBRARY: MARTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Our number one priority in the Martin Community College Library is customer service. We like to say that we will answer any kind of question a patron brings us, or we will find out who can answer it.

During our 2019 library renovation, we added two more study rooms and 12 charging stations for laptops and phones and created an instruction lab for library orientations in our old periodical area. We are delighted that all these areas that make the library much more functional are being used daily by students, faculty, and staff. We are currently working with our College Foundation in hopes of having a mural painted by a local artist depicting various programs from the college along the big blank wall above the charging stations. We have our fingers crossed that we will soon have some art in the library.

The library has the only window in Building 2, and we took full advantage of it with our renovation. Although we were not able to get new furniture with the renovation, we were able to finagle two egg chairs that we put by the window, which looks out on one of the horse pastures. Martin is the only community college in North Carolina with a large-scale equine training and business program. We have around 50 horses on campus and enjoy watching them gallop past or graze in the pasture.

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



With our small staff, consisting of the Library Director, one full-time Library Assistant, and one very part-time Archives Librarian (about four hours per week), our programming is limited, but we have a popular Community Book Club that we run jointly with the public library, we are now promoting our 3D printing service, and we are just about to launch our new VR headset program with a faculty play day scheduled in October. We are also very proud that, even with our small staff, we have managed to join the archiving push of recent years to create a solid College Archives, with hundreds of items cataloged and properly stored and a few digitized.

Come visit us in Williamston, NC. The library is open from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 am to 2:30 pm on Friday. We're on your way to the Outer Banks!

Learn more about Martin CC Library:
martincc.libguides.com/library



Images - Top: study room; Middle: computer stations;
 Bottom: charging bar

Submitted by Mary Anne Caudle, Director, Martin Community College Library



LET US FEATURE YOUR LIBRARY

We want to feature your library in an upcoming newsletter, so please let us know if you are interested in helping us do that. All of our community college libraries and learning resource centers are important and we need to highlight our spaces, resources, and services at every opportunity. The featured library section doesn't have to be about just the building or the space - it can be about the people and events that make the library what it is. Be creative and share your ideas about how we can bring attention to the important work that you do every day. Contact a Communications Committee member to get started!

NEW MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Dr. Cara McConnell, Director, Johnston Community College Library



Favorite movie? *The Princess Bride*

Favorite book? *Just Mercy*

Favorite meal? Thai very spicy yellow curry

Hobbies? Stand up paddle board and hiking a big woody trail

Best place you have visited? The amazon rain forest in Ecuador



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EVENTS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NCCCLA Fall Social

Please join us for our Fall Social, which is scheduled for Thursday, October 20, at 1:00 p.m. A few days before the social, members will receive an email via MemberPlanet that includes the meeting link. All you have to do is click the link to join the session on the scheduled date and time. We look forward to seeing you!



NCCCS OER Institute

The North Carolina Community College System OER Institute will include four 90-minute webinars and self-paced activities for participants to practice, discuss, reflect, and share resources. All Institute materials and discussions will be hosted on the [openNCCC](#) website.

- **October 20, 1-2:30pm (EST) - Introduction to OER Practices & Tools**
- **October 27, 1-2:30pm (EST) - OER Collaboration & Curation**
- **November 3, 1-2:30pm (EST) - OER Design & Peer Review**
- **November 10, 1-2:30pm (EST) - Peer Review & Planning Next Steps**



Audience: Faculty and Staff of the NCCCS

Cost: This workshop series is funded by the NCCCS System Office. There is no fee for attendees.

[Learn more and register](#) at the VLC website.

NCCCLA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Robert James

Associate Library Director
Nash Community College Library



Get to know a little about Robert!

Favorite movie? *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*

Favorite book? *American Gods* by Neil Gaiman

Favorite meal? Chicken Alfredo

Hobbies? Reading, movies, genealogy research, visiting libraries, archives, historic sites, museums, zoos, and aquariums ... also bodybuilding since the age of 15

Best place you've ever traveled?

New England & Canada Cruise; New York, Boston, Bar Harbor, Saint John, and Halifax

Most famous person you've ever met?

William Shatner (Star Trek's Captain/Admiral/Captain James Tiberius Kirk)

Favorite holiday and why?

Christmas ... sharing joy with family

Best gift you ever received and why?

My wife, children, and grandchildren ... We may receive many gifts in life, for me, family is the greatest gift of all.

Something that people may not know about you?

Among my ancestors is a family that sailed to America on the Mayflower.



TAG! YOU'RE IT!

You can also "tag" someone to go next and they'll be featured in next month's profile.

Anyone you want to tag? I would like to nominate/tag [Elizabeth Baker](#) next.



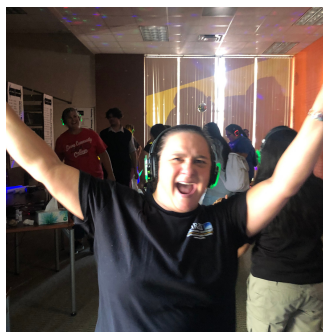
If you are tagged, complete this form tinyurl.com/youaretagged and you will be next month's featured member! A Communications Committee member will follow up with you soon.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS, TOOLS, & IDEAS

Silent Disco in the Library

Submitted by Maria Luisa Saldarriaga Osorio, Student Success Librarian, Surry Community College

During "Spirit Day" at Surry Community College, the library hosted a Silent Disco for a couple of hours (11 am-1 pm). It was a successful event. Not only students enjoyed it; some faculty and staff did as well. Hosting an unlikely event, like a party, during regular hours seems like a crazy idea, but it is silent. There is no need for a DJ or a disco light expert.



How to do it...or how we did it!

Rent the disco equipment online at Silent Disco Rental Company (www.silentevents.com) which we highly recommend. Note: SCC rented twenty-five headphones and three antennas, which was enough.

Create a dancing space in the library.

Light the place up with a projector, a laptop, and this YouTube video: [10 Hours of Disco Lights](#).

Create three reproduction lists, one for each antenna/device you have. If using YouTube, remove ads with [uBlock Origin](#).

Have fun!

Civic Literacy: "Putting the 'U' in Community"

Submitted by Morgan Pruitt, Outreach and Assessment Librarian, Central Carolina Community College

Central Carolina Community College recently hosted the event Putting the 'U' in Community, a panel discussion about civic participation and community engagement. This event featured two history instructors and a representative from the Harnett County Board of Elections. This nonpartisan panel discussed the importance of civic participation, the history of suffrage, and the various resources that citizen can use to check their registration status, early polling place, and more.

To complement the event, CCCC Librarians created an civic literacy guide, featuring resources recommended by the panel and other tools for civic engagement. Check out the guide here: cccc.libguides.com/civilliteracy

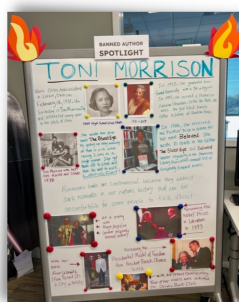


Check out how the CPCC Libraries Recognized Banned Books Week

Submitted by Retha Hall, Senior Librarian, CPCC, Cato Campus

Every year, libraries around the world recognize Banned Books Week to highlight books who gave their pages and binding to be put up to show that the Freedom to Read is an honorable right. Learn more about banned books in the topic guide: researchguides.cpcc.edu/bannedbooks

To increase awareness about banned books and censorship, Cheryl Coyle, senior librarian and a communications faculty member at the Levine Campus collaborated to host a series of events to include a special panel discussion on the Freedom of Speech, flash readings, story walks and a Harry Potter themed banned book trivia challenge.



Cheryl Coyle (pictured right), Senior Librarian -Levine Campus Library manager, dressed in costume for a surprise Flash Reading of *And Tango Makes Three* at Levine and Central Campuses.



Other campuses spotlighted the works of banned authors, put out expression boards, put together banned books puzzles, etc.

Archives Month at CPCC

Submitted by Erin Allsop, College Archivist, Library Services, Central Piedmont Community College

October is Archives Month! Every year, the Society of American Archivists (SAA) initiates a month-long celebration in October, highlighting a variety of archives and archivists throughout the United States and encouraging people to explore historical records at their local institutions.

There are multiple ways to celebrate [Archives Month at Central Piedmont](#):

- Plan a visit to the new [Central Piedmont Archives](#).
- Explore our [virtual exhibits](#) and primary resource guides for instruction.
- Attend our [Citizen Archivist workshop](#).
- Explore our digital databases: [CONTENTdm](#) and [ArchivesSpace](#).

The Central Piedmont Archives identifies, collects, and preserves materials that relate to the history of Central Piedmont as well as its purpose, mission, and vision in the Charlotte metropolitan region. Our collections are available to Central Piedmont faculty, staff, students, and members of the general public for research, as well as instruction and programming opportunities.



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We want to hear from you! Be on the lookout for an email from NCCCLA via MemberPlanet, asking for submissions. Those emails will include a link to a submission form, submission ideas, and relevant due dates. Thank you!

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