

The NCCCLA District 1 summer meeting was held virtually on Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 10 a.m. Members in attendance included the following: Blake Bolton, Kathryn Brittain, Carol Anne Hankinson, Addie Holloman, Robert James. Jackie Kilberg, Shirley Outlaw, Pamela Perry, Brian Plank, Nathan Stancil, and Nichole Williams. Two members, Katy Hoffer and Cara McConnell, were not in attendance; Hannah Hutchinson was a guest in attendance.

Because the meeting was held virtually, members were provided a \$15 Starbucks gift card to purchase a treat for themselves to enjoy during the meeting.

The first item on the agenda was "Introductions." In round-robin style, attendees introduced themselves and shared something interesting, such as a newly learned word or the most interesting thing read recently. The second item on the agenda was "Campus Updates." Member libraries were drawn randomly to share updates on their campuses. Updates included the following:

Wake Tech: A Diversity Book Club has been developed with the DEI Committee helping to select two books to be read each semester. The hope is that the selections this fall will also include an author visit.

College of the Albemarle: The library is very short-staffed at present with the retirement of the Library Director and the loss of a Public Services position at the Elizabeth City campus. A new Public Services position has been added at the Dare campus. Staff have been busy checking out laptops and books. Presently, the college president's office is housed in the library while his office is being renovated.

Nash: The campus recently hosted a visit by the President and First Lady at their Advanced Manufacturing Institute.

Nonessential personnel were asked to work from home for security reasons. The library remained open. Construction crews are busy expanding the Veterinarian Tech Building. The library has rebranded its "Collection Development Policy" to "Collection Development Plan" due to protocols regarding the approval of campus policies by the NCC Board. The library director is working with the campus grant coordinator to seek funding for a STEM Library Fellowship. A new Library Orientation video will be completed soon. Department Heads have been invited to encourage their students to participate in a Story Trail project. Recently, 21 children attended their Nighthawk Young Readers Summer Storytime. A new juvenile collection for intermediate readers has been set up with books pulled from the Early Childhood and Young Adult collections. The library will be receiving 70 new computers for their laptop loan service.

Johnston: A grand re-opening for the library is being planned to introduce the campus to the space after re-organization. This re-organization involved re-locating the tutoring services area of the library to an area in closer proximity to the Circulation Desk and the library's main entrance and shifting library stacks into the area formerly occupied by tutoring services. The Engineering Building is completed and will be ready for occupancy with the start of classes this fall. The campus has a new contract for its dining services which will also include two Starbucks, one of which will be located in the LRC. Mobile units housing CTLA (Career and Technical Leadership Academy) and ECA (Early College Academy) offices have been removed to provide a clear vista of the pond from the largest student lounge space on campus. The Paul A. Johnston Auditorium hosted a few events during the spring and has a program series scheduled for fall.

Edgecombe: The library director has been on campus for six months and has been settling in and getting to know the resources available; she has been working on a bridge week for Early College students which will include library orientations. The campus is developing an Edgecombe Academy for Health Sciences at the Rocky Mount campus, which will be another Early College. The Barnes Building is currently being renovated to house the Edgecombe Academy for Health Sciences. Library projects underway include an evaluation of all collections, weeding at the Tarboro campus, and an investigation into the use of Virtual Reality at the Rocky Mount campus.

Roanoke-Chowan: The library is currently working on its migration to Evergreen and is presently reporting to an interim Vice President. The library recently hosted a Small Business Center Boot Camp. The library director is currently serving as the Library Advisory Committee (LAC) chairperson and recently attended the Director's Institute. A recommended speaker (who presented at the Director's Institute) is Sara Alberson from Durham Public Libraries, whose specialty is on multisensory spaces. The campus recently completed its SACS decennial accreditation process. Highlights of the "American 250" initiative sponsored by the State Archives were shared with possible ways community college campuses could utilize the initiative.

Martin: The campus recently welcomed new Library Director Lucy Bobeck. New programs on campus include Agricultural Technology and Orthopaedic Technology. Campus president Wesley Beddard is retiring. The library is getting a Virtual Reality mat with tablets soon; the Orthopaedic programs already uses Virtual Reality headsets.

Halifax, Vance-Granville, and Wilson Community Colleges did not have a representative at this meeting.

The segment of the agenda for a discussion of advocacy, staffing, and budgeting was tabled due to time and lack of clarification on what the member(s) suggesting these topics hoped to discuss. A few general NCCCLA updates were shared before adjournment. General NCCCLA updates included the conference being held in the fall in the year opposite the NCLA convention; the Board reviewing policies/by-laws, etc. to align them with this change, examining officer's roles and conference planning, and attempting to create a master directory of all library employees within the system, not just NCCCLA members.