

NCCCLA NEWSLETTER

A monthly publication of the North Carolina Community College Library Association



Image: Students in front of Holt Library, Southwestern Community College

FEATURED LIBRARY: SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Holt Library is located on the Jackson Campus of Southwestern Community College in the beautiful mountains of Sylva, NC. The Library is an 11,000 sq. ft. facility that houses a research collection, computer workstations, vending and snack room, an instruction room, three study rooms, and other college offices. Our floor space for the library is much smaller than that footprint due to a large portion of the library space being given over to other campus offices, in addition to study rooms. Our staff includes the Library Director, one full-time Librarian, and one full-time Library Assistant.

We offer game nights every month where attendees can play games on our VR headset and Nintendo, or play board games and card games together. We also host two student book clubs and an author's corner where we invite local authors to speak about their books.

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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.

Our collections include our academic collection, and special collections such as a small Popular Fiction collection, a Young Adult and Graphic Novel collection, a small Children's collection, our Small Business Center collection and our new North Carolina collection.

In 2019, we proposed a revamp of our interior space to our administration. We worked with Young Office's design team to mock up the draft plan and presented it to our administration, highlighting how the changes would make the Library feel more modern and welcoming to students. Administration liked the plan and that we were able to request funds in increments to complete different parts of the plan in steps as funds allowed.

Our original plan (pictured below), is modest and is only really a refresh of the carpet, paint, and furnishings. We obtained quotes for each portion of the plan as we went along and, although we have not been able to finish the revamping of the space due to funding challenges, we are ready to pick up where we left off should funds become available. Having a quote ready to go and being flexible has allowed us to step forward with a plan when end-of-year funds often need to be spent quickly.



Both sides of the new service desk are low and have a push button adjustable height desk so that librarians can share their screen easily with users and also check out books from a standing or seated position.



Holt Library images: Front and side views of the new service desk.



Flexibility is key. When there were unexpected funds available at the end of year, instead of ordering the custom fabric chairs we had planned for, we accepted in-stock black fabric so that we could push the order for 60+ task chairs through in time to receive them before end of year.

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We started our project with a simple coat of paint. We had to choose from paint colors pre-determined by the college and decided "sleepy blue" was better than "accessible beige" (which just made our walls look dirty). Once painting was finished, we were able to get new carpet for the first time since the building was built in 1980! We then replaced task chairs, and the hulking old computer desks with the windows in the top, and we were able to get a couple of powered study tables. The recarpeting project was intense. To prepare we underwent a huge weeding project before packing up the books to move the ranges for recarpeting. The result is a much smaller, but more current and relevant book collection.

Before...



After...



Learn more about Holt Library

<https://southwesterncc.libguides.com/Library>



Submitted by Tina Adams and Torrie Tatum, Southwestern CC

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. Contact a Communications Committee member to get started!

LIVING LIBRARY

Submitted by Lisa Shores, Rowan-Cabarrus CC

The Rowan-Cabarrus Community College Library held Living Library events during the spring semester at both the North Campus in Salisbury and the South Campus in Concord. These programs were the signature events in a year-long campaign entitled We All Belong in the Library, which was meant to celebrate diversity and encourage inclusiveness. The events were modeled on the Human Library that originated in Denmark in 2000.

The goal of the event was to combat prejudice by giving people an opportunity to connect with someone they may never have an opportunity to speak with otherwise. This is achieved by creating a safe space for dialogue between Readers and Living Books who have a story to share about their unique identity and lived experience.

Fourteen people from the college volunteered to be Living Books. Below are some of the book titles as chosen by the participants themselves.



- Coping with Grief, Surviving the Loss of a Child
- Grew Up Baptist and Gay
- The Diary of a Black Woman
- But, You Don't Look Sick (living with an invisible, chronic illness)
- It's Not Easy, but It's Worth It (recovering from drug addiction and homelessness)
- From Walking on Eggshells to Walking Proudly in My Dr. Martens (domestic abuse survivor)



The events were held in the library and were open to all faculty, staff, students, and administration of the college. Between both events, there were approximately 50 Readers who read multiple books at each event. The Books shared a little about their story, and then allowed the Reader to ask them questions. The feedback from both the Books and the Readers was overwhelmingly positive.



If anyone is interested in more information about how to plan a similar event, please reach out to Lisa Shores at lisa.shores@ccc.edu or Laurie Robb at laurie.robb@ccc.edu.

NCCCLA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Get to know a little about Libby!!!!



LIBBY STONE

Current Position:

Certified Library Support (part-time), Cleveland CC
NCLA President

Retired 2021:

Public Services Librarian, Gaston College

Favorite movie?

The Bucket List (2007)

Favorite book?

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

Favorite meal?

Shrimp scampi

Hobbies?

Reading, binge-watching Netflix,
traveling, genealogy

Best place you've ever traveled?

Florence, Italy

Most famous person you've ever met?

John Carter - WBTV News Anchor - he grew up in Shelby NC so I have seen him at several local events and actually had a good conversation with him during our Relay for Life. His mother and my father were both going to the Life Enrichment Center at the same time in 2018.

Favorite holiday and why?

Christmas - celebrating with my family and having extended time away from work.

Best gift you ever received and why?

When I was 12 years old, our house burned down and we lost everything. A friend of my aunt, who I didn't even know, gave me money to buy clothes, and that always stuck with me because it was so unexpected and kind; many other people at the time helped my family through what was a very difficult time.

Something that people may not know about you?

Before I became a librarian, I worked for a company that manufactured music CDs. I was trained to drive a lift truck so that I could help with inventory and track down missing items in the warehouse. Most days you could find me driving the lift truck around and going up to 30 feet off the ground!



Lisa Trexler, you are tagged!

If you are tagged or want to be the next featured member, complete this form tinyurl.com/youaretagged.

A Communications Committee member will follow up with you soon.

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



ASHLEE MOCK

A little about me... I am a library assistant at Alamance Community College and a graduate student at the University of North Carolina Greensboro. I am in the Master of Library Information Science program with a concentration in academic libraries. I am also working on a certificate in Instructional Design at UNCG.

Favorite movie? *Princess Mononoke* (1997) or *Silver Linings Playbook* (2012). I can't pick!

Favorite book? *If We Were Villains* by M. L. Rio

Favorite meal? Ramen (specifically from Tonbo Ramen in Raleigh)

Hobbies? Reading, spending time in nature, watching hockey (go Canes!), learning about alternative religion, practicing yoga and mindfulness

Best place you've ever traveled? Costa Rica

Most famous person you've ever met?

Ashley Argota

Favorite holiday and why? Yule/Christmas! I love decorating and enjoying festive drinks, food, and activities with my loved ones.

Best gift you ever received and why?

A Kindle e-reader from my boyfriend, Josh. I read about 200 books the first year I had it. I love downloading free ebooks from Libby through my public library.

Something that people may not know about you?

One of my best buddies is my Maine Coon cat, Loki.



MEGAN WILLIAMS

Megan is a new Instruction & Archives Librarian at Fayetteville Technical Community College. She graduated in 2022 from the University of Kentucky with a Master of Science in Library Science. Megan also has a B.F.A in Sequential Art from Savannah College of Art and Design. Formerly she worked as a Librarian and Library Assistant in public libraries. She has experience working in public service and children's departments.

Originally a native of Georgia, Megan is excited to network and learn from her fellow colleagues in NCCCLA. In her downtime, she loves to produce music, draw, and learn more about film photography.

Welcome to
NCCCLA

2023 CONFERENCE WRAP-UP

PRESENTATION MATERIALS

<https://libguides.pittcc.edu/ncccla2023>

(no password needed)

STATS

- Total Attendees: 90
- 15 Sessions
- Conference Total Cost: \$1639
- Registration Fees Collected: \$2087
- Profit: \$448
- Scholarship Donations & Raffle: \$385

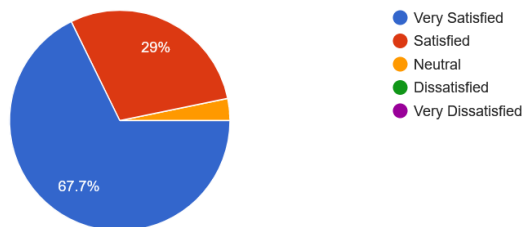
PRIZE WINNERS

- **\$50 Amazon Gift Cards from W.T. Cox:**
 - Jennifer Smith, Alamance CC
 - Pam Perry, Martin CC
 - Shirley Outlaw, College of the Albemarle
 - Cassidy Ramsey, Cleveland CC
 - Milton Dail, Pitt CC
- **Prize package from Sebcu Books:**
 - Megan Gill, Craven CC
- **40/60 Raffle Winner:**
 - Julie Reed, CPCC \$240

SURVEY FEEDBACK

Overall, how satisfied were you with the 2023 virtual conference?

31 responses



"Outstanding effort!"

"Ya'll did a bang up job!! It was great, truly."

"While I missed the chance to see everyone in-person, I appreciate how smoothly everything operated."

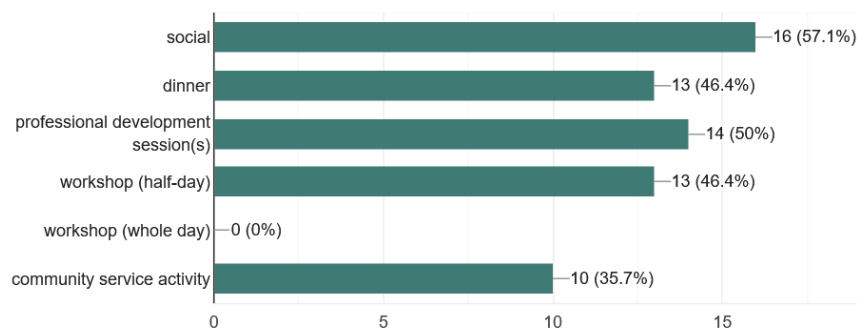
"Great job to the planning committee..."

"It was much appreciated and very valuable. The online format worked well for my team to be able to all attend."

"This was my very first NCCCLA conference! This conference was an eye-opener and a mind-blowing way to make sure that every community college is focused on the students and how the library can be helpful to serve them."

What types of preconference activities are you most interested in attending (if in-person)?

28 responses



EVENTS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



LIBRARIES UNITED
Protecting Intellectual Freedom & Patron Privacy



NCLIVE 2023 Conference
#nclive2023

May 19 | Asheville
May 22 | Virtual
nclive.org/annualconference

Learn more: www.nclive.org/annualconference

Registration Is Now Open!

19th Annual Academic Library Services +
Paraprofessional Conference
Friday, May 12, 2023

Hybrid Conference

In-Person: \$30
Virtual is Free

Student Discounts Available



ADA Accommodation: 252-737-1018 | ada-coordinator@ecu.edu

Learn more: lib.ecu.edu/paraprofessional



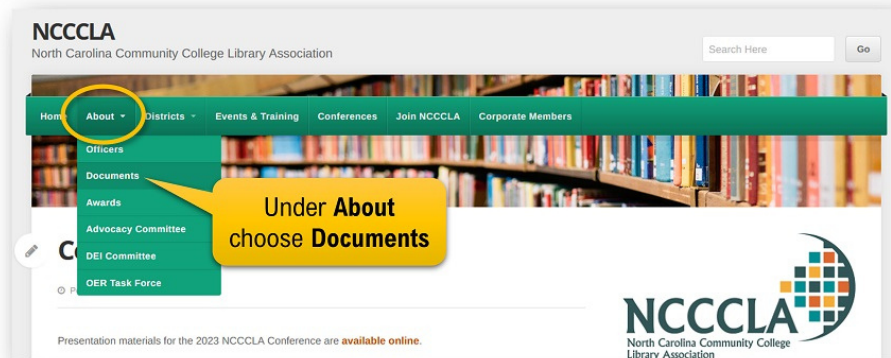
The 65th Biennial Conference of the North Carolina Library Association presents
October 16-20, 2023 • Benton Convention Center • Winston-Salem, NC

Cultivating Community: Strengthening Roots,
Supporting New Growth

Learn more: nclaonline.org/conference

NCCCLA MINUTES & HANDBOOK

The minutes for Executive Board meetings and the Association's Handbook are on the website (ncccla.org). Under the About tab, choose Documents (ncccla.org/documents). If you need something updated on the website, please contact a member of the Communications Committee.



WHAT IS MEMBER PLANET?

MemberPlanet.com is the platform used by the Association for membership management, collecting conference and events fees, and sending emails. You can log into MemberPlanet at any time to check your membership status or update your contact information. If you haven't updated your contact info lately, please do! We send out weekly job alerts and a bimonthly newsletter that you don't want to miss. MemberPlanet also has an app that you can download on your phone. Go to MemberPlanet.com or look for the MemberPlanet logo at NCCCLA.org and click to login. Have questions? Contact our Treasurer and Membership chair, Alicia Hartley (ahartley@cccti.edu).



NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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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Want to join the Committee? We need help with web updates, graphic design, social media, and more. Contact us!

