

NCCCLA NEWSLETTER

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Image: Gerald B. James Library, Rockingham Community College

FEATURED LIBRARY: GERALD B. JAMES LIBRARY, ROCKINGHAM CC

The Gerald B. James Library lies at the center of the pastoral campus of Rockingham Community College in Wentworth, NC. Wentworth is in the center of the county, between the population centers of Reidsville, Eden, and Madison. Built in 1967, the mid-century modern building was designed by noted architect Leslie Boney. The interior underwent major renovations in 2018, removing large sections of shelving and returning the floorplan to the light, bright, open space it was originally intended to be.

The library also includes the Rockingham County Historical Collections. When the RCHC was established about 40 years ago, no one in Rockingham County was collecting and preserving information and artifacts of local historical interest. Today, the collections comprise an important part of library services. High school and college classes utilize original sources for research, and the community finds many valuable genealogical materials not available elsewhere.

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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.

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In addition to traditional library services, many events are sponsored by the library. Each semester a North Carolina author is invited to speak in the library and the campus and community are invited. Most recently, Adele Myers, author of *Tobacco Wives*, spoke at a well-attended event. Each fall the library hosts Game Night, a popular Halloween-themed event where participants play games and compete in a costume contest with prizes. Another popular library event is #JamesLibraryRocks. Library staff provide supplies and set up painting stations in the library and students are invited to paint a rock and hide it anywhere on campus. Participants hunt the painted rocks and post their finds to social media with the hashtag #JamesLibraryRocks.



Managed by the Director of Library Services and Archives, the James Library is staffed by the Public Services Librarian and the Library Technical Assistant, as well as student workers. The James Library is open Monday-Thursday from 7:45am until 6pm, and Friday from 7:45am until 3pm.

Submitted by Mary Gomez, former Director of Library Services and Archives, [Gerald B. James Library](#), Rockingham County Historical Collections, Rockingham Community College

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Shannon Paul
NCCCLA President
Stanly CC

Colleagues,

Welcome to a new year! I hope that everyone's 2024 is productive and enjoyable. It would be ignoring the elephant in the room to pretend that the last few years have been normal but here's to another fresh start and the anticipation of new and better things. There are so many opportunities for our membership, and I hope that you can take advantage of some of them.

NCCCLA offers you not only the chance to participate in professional development and collegial activities with your fellow community college library staff, it offers the chance to develop your leadership skills and network. Look for an announcement requesting candidates for the Vice President position. I encourage anyone interested to apply; if you have questions reach out to me at spaul5169@stanly.edu or to Retha Hall at Retha.Halle@cpcc.edu. We are also looking for an individual to chair the Advocacy Committee, which "strives to raise awareness of community college library needs and justify budget requests by spotlighting the critical role of libraries in student success, faculty and staff support, and community engagement." We have other volunteer opportunities on our DEI Committee, OER Task Force, and Conference Planning Committee.

Speaking of conference, this year's conference will once again be held virtually. The Board is aware of how much the membership looks forward to conference and we were all anticipating with pleasure an in-person meeting for the first time since 2020. However, the costs associated with an in-person conference are high and the absence of a Vice President has been a handicap to planning. If you are interested in serving on the Conference Planning Committee, please reach out to me or any Board member. As you may recall, we switched to a bi-annual conference mode in the spring; our next scheduled conference will be fall 2024. Look for more announcements in the next few months.

We also want to inform you of a necessary adjustment to our membership fees. Starting March 1st, 2024, the annual membership fee will increase by \$10.00, reflecting the first rise in over eight years. This decision is crucial to sustaining and improving the services provided by our association. Your membership fees support:

- Scholarships: Backing two scholarships for community members who pursue a degree in library science;
- Grants: Funding two grants for professional development or conference fees; and
- Operational Expenses: Covering essential administrative costs, including membership management software, website host and domain, and the Association's Zoom account

We, the Board and I, appreciate your understanding and continued support, knowing that your contributions directly impact the success of our community.

Shannon



NCCCLA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

LISA TREXLER

Get to know a little about Lisa!

Favorite movie?

Sabrina (1995) and Regarding Henry (1991)

Favorite book?

Gift of the Sea by Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Favorite meal?

Anything Italian

Hobbies?

Walking and babysitting my granddaughter

Best place you've ever traveled?

Nova Scotia

Most famous person you've ever met?

Henry Kissinger and Lady Bird Johnson at the LBJ Ranch

Favorite holiday and why? Christmas because our Savior was born

Best gift you ever received and why?

My children because they are blessings that keep giving!

Something that people may not know about you?

I bake fabulous chocolate chip cookies!



*Western Head Lighthouse, Nova Scotia by
[Dennis Jarvis via Flickr](#)*



Rich Garafolo, 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

LIZA PALMER IS AN AWARD WINNER

Liza Palmer, most recently of Brunswick Community College Library, was honored with the 2022-2023 Kathleen Berkeley Inconvenient Woman Award by the University of North Carolina's Gender Studies and Research Center for her stance against censorship and discrimination. The award "acknowledges either a persistent pattern of taking risks on issues of social justice and gender equality, or an active cause-specific commitment. The recipient will have challenged the status quo in an attempt to improve our university community. Importantly, the award cherishes the act of vulnerability in making oneself inconvenient to the powers that be while in service to others."

Liza's award comes via the UNCW Gender Studies & Research Center. She was honored at the Purple and Lavender Graduation, May 11th.

FACULTY NEWS



Liza is proud to be continuing on NCCCLA's DEI committee and looks forward to staying involved in local libraries - including community college libraries - in an advocacy role.

NEWS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

NCCCE SHARED ILS GROUP

Submitted by Staci Wilson, Executive Director, Student Opportunities and Academic Resources, Catawba Valley CC

The North Carolina Community College Evergreen (NCCCE) Shared ILS Group is excited to share that 25 libraries successfully migrated to the Evergreen ILS at the end of the fall semester in 2023. In the first round of migration, 25 libraries seamlessly transitioned to the new system, marking a pivotal moment in enhancing collaboration and resource accessibility across the Shared ILS Group. The positive momentum will continue as the migration is progressing smoothly.

Looking ahead to the second year, we are delighted to announce that 24 additional libraries have signed up to join NCCCE. This response underscores the value and benefits perceived by the participating institutions.

We'd like to express a special thanks to Elizabeth Baker from Carteret Community College, who will take the lead for grant year two. Elizabeth's expertise and dedication will undoubtedly contribute to the continued success of this initiative. As we forge ahead, the North Carolina Community College Shared ILS Group remains committed to fostering a more connected and dynamic library network for all.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY? RETIREMENTS?
NEW EMPLOYEES? WE WANT TO KNOW!

NEWS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**



*African Americans
and the Arts*

The [Central Piedmont CC Libraries](#) are hosting events throughout the month of February to celebrate Black History Month. The theme for this year is "African Americans and the Arts." Guest speakers and presenters include children's book author Dr. Beth-Kara Dawkins, comic writer Stephanie Williams, photographer/artist Toni Lovejoy, Dr. Alicia D. Dervin, and Rose Parkman. Learn more about this year's theme at their [Black History Month LibGuide](#) and get details about the many events taking place on their [events calendar](#).

The programs are sponsored in partnership by Central Piedmont Library, Arts and Communication, English, Strategy and Organizational Excellence and the [Levine Museum of the New South](#).

Submitted by Retha Hall, Senior Librarian, Central Piedmont CC, Cato Campus Library



Snapshot: Climate Exhibition

Reception: February 8 | 11 AM-1 PM
Pitt Community College Library
Free & Open to the Public

On View: Photographs and short reflections from artists, activists, scientists, and students that provide a "snapshot" look at climate impacts across the South, published in the *Snapshot: Climate Issue* of *Southern Cultures* quarterly.



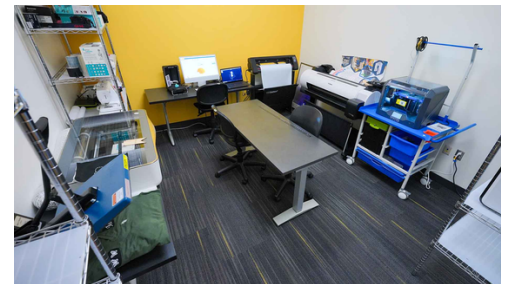
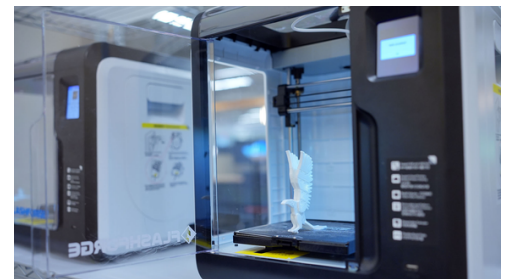
Photo: Kendrick Ransome and Marquatta Dickens in the Tar River at Shish Landing, 2019, photo by Justin Cook

[Pitt Community College Library](#) is excited to host the *Snapshot: Climate* traveling photography exhibition January 15, 2024 - February 15, 2024. The exhibition features 25 photographs from the [fall 2023 Snapshot: Climate issue](#) of *Southern Cultures*, the peer-reviewed publication from UNC Press and the UNC Center for the Study of the American South. The photographs and reflections displayed demonstrate the impact of climate change across the southern United States.

Submitted by Leigh Russell, Director, Pitt CC Library

NEW MAKERSPACE

The [Scott Northern Wake Campus](#) library at Wake Tech Community College recently opened a [makerspace room](#) to provide students, faculty, staff, and Wake County residents tools and materials to bring their wildest ideas to life. Users can dive into hands-on learning experiences using master cutting-edge technology to produce innovative items. Emerging object-making technologies at the library include 3D printers, 3D scanners, electronic prototyping kits, sewing and embroidery machines, 3D pens, a large poster printer, professional microphones, a DSLR camera, a laser cutter, to name a few.



*Article submitted by Jackie Kilberg
Library Technical Assistant, Wake Tech CC*

*Photo Credit: Wake Tech photographer
Court Johnson*

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Unlock the Power of Digital Literacy at Your Library!

March 27, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Facilitator: Cara McConnell, Ed.D., Library Director, Johnston Community College

Elevate Your Library's Digital Presence! Join our discussion on Digital Literacy in Community College Libraries. Join the Community and Junior College Libraries Section (CJCLS) to discuss the latest strategies and trends for digital literacy programming. This will be a chance to connect and share ideas with like-minded librarians passionate about driving digital literacy initiatives across our state. [Register now](#) for our Digital Literacy workshop and be at the forefront of the digital revolution in libraries!

NCCCLA OER TASK FORCE UPDATES

The OER Task Force hosted an informal Share & Learn session on Friday, October 17, 2023, where members shared a brief intro to OER and the OER Task Force, leaving plenty of time for Q&A and a lively discussion about the state of OER on campuses across the state. We look forward to hosting another Share & Learn session later on this spring.

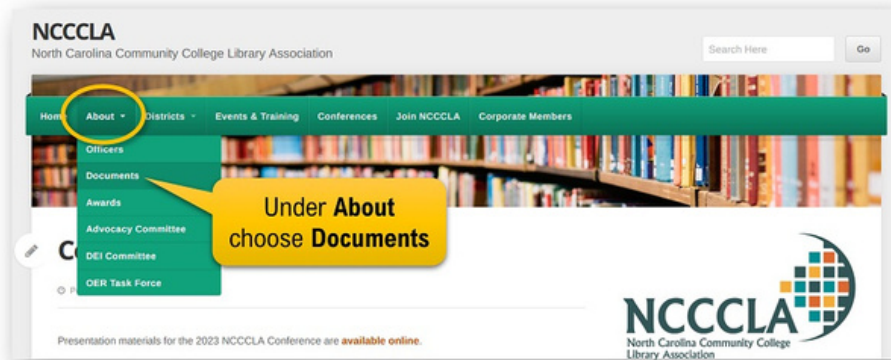
On Friday, February 2, 2024, the Task Force hosted an online session with Dana Glauner and Shelby Beard, both of South Piedmont CC. They were invited to share how their campus uses [BibliU](#) to host OER and other course materials used across their curriculum. Using BibliU allows the campus to get detailed statistics on how course materials are used, lets students access all of their course materials in one place, and provides ways for students to interact with materials through highlighting, note-taking, etc.

If you have ideas about how this group can support OER efforts, or want to get involved, please reach out to any of the [Task Force members](#).

Submitted by Angela Davis, OER Task Force Chairperson, Pitt CC Library

NCCCLA MINUTES & HANDBOOK

The minutes for Executive Board meetings and the *NCCCLA 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 log in. Have questions? Contact our current Treasurer, Maria Osorio (osoriom@surry.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. You can also email any member of the Communications Committee with your submissions. Thank you!

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