

NCLA Executive Board Reports, July 2021

ALA Council

Detailed Report: June 2021 Summer Council Meeting at ALA Annual Virtual Meetings

Committee on Diversity – goals for coming year

1. Adding EDI (Equity, Diversity, Inclusion) accountability to ALA grants criteria
2. Work on creating a resources list, directory of groups, and inclusion initiative for institutional EDI. This will be/is published on the ALA website at <https://www.ala.org/advocacy/diversity/workplace>
3. Work on an Equity Scorecard for Library Administrators with actionable data for strengthening the commitment to EDI and justice in alignment with ALA's commitment to diversity.

Committee on Education –

1. updated ALA Core Competencies by engaging with LIS community broadly to get feedback and revise as needed – hopefully to present to ALA council for approval
2. By invitation- monitor discussions of the Librarian Education Reform Discussion group and other national conversations about LIS education to ensure that the education meets the needs of the profession.
3. Intentionally incorporate the concepts of social justice and EDI into LIS education/professional development through a variety of strategies.

Committee of Professional Ethics –

1. Draft an additional article for the ALA Code of Ethics that states our profession's responsibility to support and advance racial and social justice and its obligation to ensure equity, diversity, and inclusion.
2. Review the Cataloging Code of Ethics presented by ALCTS Assoc. for Library Collections and Tech Services Intellectual Freedom Committee-

Banned Books Week 2021 OIF is pleased to join the Banned Books Week Coalition in announcing that Jason Reynolds has been named the inaugural Honorary Chair of Banned Books Week 2021. An advocate for storytelling and an outspoken critic of censorship, Reynolds is the author of more than a dozen books for young people, including the banned and challenged *All American Boys* and *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You*. ALA members and the wider literary community are invited to join OIF, the Banned Books Coalition, and Honorary Chair Jason Reynolds to celebrate the ways in which books unite us during Banned Books Week, September 26 – October 2, 2021. This year's theme is "Books Unite Us. Censorship Divides Us," drawing attention to the power of books to reach across boundaries and build connections between readers. Reading—especially books that extend beyond our own experiences—expands our worldview. Censorship, on the other hand, divides us and creates barriers. The Intellectual Freedom Committee provided valuable feedback on the Banned Books Week theme, design, and tagline. Coordinating bookmarks, posters, and Field Reports are available on the ALA Store, and t-shirts and water bottles are available on the ALA Graphics Gift Shop. Free digital downloads and social media shareables can be found at ala.org/bbooks.

Forward Together –

1. Establishing a task force to review ALA Core Values and make recommendations
 - a. Establish a regular review process for core values
 - b. Reduce the number of locations where ALA core values are listed into a single easy to find location
2. Roundtables – ALA will still have roundtables but they will be required to have at least 150 members or they will revert to an "interest group," join a different roundtable or be disbanded.
 - a. Roundtables must adhere to common template of By-laws
 - b. Must align with nominal annual membership dues

Submitted by: Siobhan Loendorf (SLoendorf@catawbacountync.gov)

Assoc. of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)-NC Chapter

Highlights: Our chapter in partnership with the Community and Junior College Libraries Section hosted our biennial virtual conference, *Transforming Our Future: How Our Practices Today Inform Our Future Tomorrow*, on 05/06/21. The executive board has put out a call for officer nominees for the next biennium. The chapter has committed funds to provide scholarships for students to attend NCLA 2021. Board members will be presenting a panel discussion and hosting a chapter social at NCLA 2021.

Detailed Report: The biennial conference was well-attended with 116 registrants. We had 15 presentations in addition to our keynote speech from ACRL President, Dr. Jon Cawthorne. Presenters came from a variety of academic institution types as well as from institutions outside of NC including GA, KY, and Texas. Our chapter has experienced a 10 percent growth in membership since the conference was held. The executive board is in the process of recruiting nominees to serve as officers in the next biennium. Several existing officers have offered to

continue to serve, so we are particularly seeking nominees in the role of Director. The election will be held by online ballot in August. The executive board will begin working on our panel presentation for NCLA 2021 which will discuss how academic libraries of differing institution types and sizes can work together to support their users. We will also be planning a chapter social for the conference.

Submitted by: Dawn Behrend (dawn.behrend@lr.edu)

Business Librarianship in NC

Highlights: Held our summer 2021 workshop virtually on July 13th & sent out member recruitment emails individually and via NCLA's newsletter.

Submitted by: Summer Krstevska (krstevs@wfu.edu)

Community and Junior College Libraries

Highlights: We have been meeting monthly regarding our session at NCLA; Hosting a session at the conference and we are still trying to get a panel of presenters together and are having a bit of trouble getting people to commit; We co-hosted a leadership webinar with NCCCLA through their webinar series on Lessons in Leadership—recording will be available soon; Selected recipients for the scholarship for the conference.

Submitted by: Jennifer Seagraves (j_seagraves@johnstoncc.edu)

Conference

Highlights: Conference registration opened July 1st

Planned Events: 64th Biennial Conference will be held October 18-22, 2021, hosted jointly by NCLA and SELA (Southeastern Library Association)!!!!

Detailed Report: The conference planning committee has been working diligently to put together a fantastic conference. All sessions and speakers have been added onto our Whova app.

We are working on orders for NCLA shirts and other cool items. Registration for the conference can be found at <https://nclaonline.wildapricot.org/event-4006550>, and there is an option to volunteer with SignUpGenius. There are three opportunities for virtual pre-conferences on Monday and Tuesday. Business meetings for sections will be held virtually on Tuesday. There are lots of opportunities to engage with SELA! If you would like to announce awards or scholarships, let me know; we will be having a "LIVE" virtual welcome on Tuesday, and an all conference reception in person Thursday evening. You may also pre-record award ceremonies. Optional in-person events will be held at the Benton Convention Center on Thursday and Friday. You will all receive an invitation to the President's Dinner, which will be held Wednesday, October 20th at 6pm.

Submitted by: Libby Stone (vicepresident@nclaonline.org)

Government Resources

Highlights: GRS had 2 Help! Webinars this quarter. They occurred on April 22 and May 27.

Planned Events: There is one upcoming Help! Webinar scheduled for September.

Submitted by: Rebecca Freeman (grs@nclaonline.org)

Leadership Institute

Highlights: Nothing new to report.

Submitted by: Juli Moore (julianne.moore@co.iredell.nc.us)

Library Advocacy and Legislative

Highlights: THANK YOU for making us a formal section! We have currently three members of the NC Delegation who have co-sponsored Build America's Libraries Act.

Planned Events: TBD fall reception for our student ambassadors at the state library building in Raleigh.

Biennium Goal Reporting: In line with NCLA's goals we are working to build a statewide advocacy network and digital forum for discussing topics relevant to library advocacy. We are creating a year-round calendar of legislative season.

Collaboration Request: We request a collaboration with the Diversity and Inclusion Section to provide resources for libraries to address the issues surrounding violence against Asian and Pacific Islanders.

Detailed Report: Dr. Chow has accepted a position as the Director of the San Jose State University School of information. He will be stepping down from his role as the leader of the section and LaJuan Pringle will be fully taking over that role. Martha McGehee is stepping down as Secretary as of August 1st in order to focus fully on her career after graduate school. We held our second official meeting as a section. We are continuing to support federally proposed funding for libraries. We had many applicants for our student ambassador program this year. Unusually, we had a college freshman and a first grader. It was wonderful to see advocates of every age

participate. Members of the advocacy section spoke at ALA's virtual conference this year on the topic of advocacy internships in MLIS programs.

Submitted by: Martha McGehee (mtmcgehe@uncg.edu), Secretary/Treasurer

Marketing

Highlights: We have been working on promoting the upcoming conference! Things are going well - we hope to create a special edition of our newsletter devoted entirely to the conference to encourage people to register, maybe in mid-August.

Collaboration Request: As usual, please submit any announcements to Rachel Olsen via email.

Submitted by: Rachel Olsen (rachel.olsen@uncg.edu)

NC Library Paraprofessional Association

Highlights: Continue to update members on upcoming workshops and information. Our Region Director 3, Ronald Headen, presented at the ECU Joyner Library 17th Annual Paraprofessional virtual conference in May.

Planned Events: Preparing for upcoming conference.

Submitted by: La-Nita Williams (nclpa@nclaonline.org)

NC School Library Media Association

Highlights: The 2021 NCSLMA conference, "Reflect, Refocus, Reconnect, & Rejuvenate", will take place at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem Oct. 7-9. This year's conference begins on Thursday at 1pm with concurrent sessions and workshops. Cicely Lewis, 2020 SLJ School Librarian of the Year and founder of the #ReadWoke movement, is our keynote speaker on Friday. Friday also includes an author panel discussion, followed by an autograph session and vendor reception. Saturday's closing luncheon will feature Newbery Medal winning author Matt de la Peña. Visit the conference website for more information and to register for #NCSLMA21.

Planned Events: The 2021 NCSLMA conference, "Reflect, Refocus, Reconnect, & Rejuvenate", will take place at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem Oct. 7-9.

Submitted by: Sedley Abercrombie (sedleyabercrombie@gmail.com)

Nominating

Highlights: Election results

Supporting documentation: https://drive.google.com/open?id=19rk7_HX0Qm2yTvRQ6yet649LJdh2807z

Submitted by: Mike Crumpton (macrumpt@uncg.edu)

North Carolina Libraries

Highlights: Working on 2021 issue

Biennium Goal Reporting: 2021 issue

Detailed Report: Working on proof for 2021 issue of North Carolina Libraries. Should have issue out soon.

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Public Library

Highlights: Public Library Section held virtual conference meeting on July 16th, 2021 to review PLS programs for the 2021 NCLA Biennial Conference. We also reviewed the PLS Student Scholarship applications that were submitted to attend the 2021 NCLA Conference. We received a total of 8 applications. We were excited to be able to fill 8 out of our 10 scholarships, which will allow students to attend the Conference.

Biennium Goal Reporting: Our goal this biennium was to be more visible and interactive with our members. In February and March, we put out a call for committee volunteers that was very successful. Two Committees created or reestablished was the Circulation and Customer Service Committee and the Marketing and Programming Committee. These committees have begun to meet and will begin to strategize on ways to promote PLS through, programming, and/or marketing. There was also a discussion on ways that PLS better can advocate for Public Libraries and staff. We are looking to establish a liaison with NCPLDA that serve as a bridge to begin those conversations.

Submitted by: Sandra Lovely (slovely@dconc.gov)

Reference and Adult Services

Highlights: Our Spring Buzz session that ran monthly from February through May went well. We've been recruiting new members to the RASS Committee and are currently working on getting the next election finalized and underway. We are also working on arranging the final details of our sponsored session for the NCLA Conference with the paid presenter we are working with. Our next quarterly meeting is July 21st and we will also be discussing our goals for the next biennium.

Submitted by: Susana Goldman (sgoldman@alamancelibraries.org)

Roundtable on Ethnic & Minority Concerns

Highlights: May 2021: Call for Roadbuilders nominations sent out; REMCo Executive Board Meeting; Meet with Any Houk about placing donation form for Constance Hill Marteen Award on REMCo's wildapricot webpage; Call for Executive Board Nominations sent out.

June 2021: Co-Chair Brittany Champion creates page on REMCo's Google site for Constance Hill Marteen Award <https://sites.google.com/view/remcocultureconversationswebsi/constance-hill-marteen-award>; June 14, 2021: REMCo participates in NCLives DEIA LEARNING SERIES: Mentorship, Recruitment, and Retention of Librarians of Color: Marcellaus Joiner, Leander Crocker, Joan Hill, and LaJuan Pringle; Call sent out for REMCo summer newsletter

July: Election ballot emailed.

Planned Events: REMCo summer newsletter, August 2021

Submitted by: Marcellaus Joiner (marcellaus.joiner@highpointnc.gov)

Scholarships

Highlights: The Scholarships Committee received 20 complete applications. Competition was stiff this year, but after reviewing all applications and recommendations, we narrowed it down to three winners. By the time of our July meeting, all three will have been notified. The next step is to provide proof of library school enrollment, after which the checks can be cut and the names shared. Amy Funderburk has served as chair for four years now, but is looking to hand over the wheels. It is not final yet, but it looks like this role will be taken on by one of the current committee members. The Committee submitted a motion to change language in the Handbook that specifies exact dollar amounts for each scholarship. Changing to more general language will allow more flexibility in award amounts as time goes on. The Committee has no plans to increase dollar amounts for any scholarship other than possibly the McLendon, but would like the option open for the future.

Submitted by: Amy Funderburk (amy.funderburk@wakegov.com)

Special Collections

Highlights: Recruitment for new officers for the roundtable took place. Several emails to the listserv were sent out. Several candidates put their name forward and will be voted on during the annual meeting. The conference panel presentation was confirmed. Participants elected to keep the panel virtual.

Planned Events: Words Matter: Reparative Work Through Language, Panel Presentation for the NCLA conference.

Submitted by: Jennifer Daugherty (daughertyj18@ecu.edu)

STEM-LINC

Highlights: STEM-LINC organized a webinar, which was held on May 13, 2021 on "Engaging with STEM during COVID." 25 people registered for the webinar, and the recording has been added to the STEM-LINC YouTube Channel. The Youth Services Section/STEM-LINC 2021 Pandemic Programming Kit recipients are Madison County Public Library, Spruce Pine Public Library, Southern Pines Public Library, Perry Memorial Library, and Fayetteville State Learning Center.

Planned Events: The STEM-LINC Executive Committee Meeting will be held on July 19, 2021. The STEM-LINC Nominating Committee announced a call for nominations of officers for the 2021-2023 biennium, to be followed with an election during the third quarter.

Submitted by: Sarah Jeong (stemlinc.chair@nclaonline.org)

Web and Technologies Support

Highlights: Continued to support NCLA through website maintenance and conference support.

Submitted by: Erin Holmes (web@nclaonline.org)

Women in Libraries

Highlights: Marilyn Miller Award Winner Panel webinar on April 21; Call for nominations for Marilyn Miller Award 2021; Meetings on May 27 and July 20 to plan next biennium

Planned Events: Advocacy session at NCLA/SELA Conference

Biennium Goal Reporting: All goals on increased training and webinars this biennium have been met.

Detailed Report: Old Business (April – June 2021) On April 21st we hosted a panel webinar of past Marilyn Miller award winners. The panel include Wanda Brown, Eleanor Cook, Dale Cousins, and Marian Fragola. It went very well and we had 96 people attend (47 NCLA members and 49 non-members). This event was hosted in part to kick off a call for nominations for the next Marilyn Miller Award that we will announce at the conference in October. We met on May 27 virtually. At that meeting we planned out the nomination process. We also discussed who would remain on the board for the next biennium and how we should structure moving forward. It was decided that we will need to do a call for nominations for a new director. Lastly, we began planning for a panel on

the impact of COVID on working women focusing on how it exposed the need for policy changes. We will also meet again to review scholarship applications on 7/20/21. New Business (July – September 2021) We will also be sending out a call for nominations for a new director for the next biennium. We have two meetings planned in August to review the nominations and choose the next Marilyn Miller Award winner and finalize plans for the conference.

Submitted by: Michelle Hildreth (michelle.hildreth@wakegov.com)

Youth Services

Highlights: YSS met by Zoom on June 1st. At the end of June YSS awarded 5 Outdoor Programming Kit Grants. Items included in the kits were selected in partnership with STEM LINC. Items are currently being sent to the selected libraries. Recipients of the kits will present at the next Youth Services Retreat in October 2022. YSS put a call out to members for nominations for new board members, elections will be coming soon. The next YSS meeting will be held by Zoom on September 14th.

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