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# Exalting Learning and Libraries

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NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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## From the President

Benjamin Disraeli once said that "... the secret of success is constant purpose." Successful people often assert that a prerequisite for achievement is the formation of specific goals. These goals are subsequently utilized to inform decisions and maintain a focus.

In considering success, we observe that libraries in North Carolina are successfully advancing into the technological era. Though libraries may be at varying phases of movement, the number that are "on-line" and computerized grows daily. This is not occurring by chance. Individuals who work long and hard for the development and growth of libraries in North Carolina will tell you that the goal has not been just to computerize. The common theme for library development focuses on making information and learning accessible, exciting, and possible for all people.

This may appear to be a lofty purpose, but it is also realistic and meaningful. Libraries have the opportunity to foster excitement about new ideas, to generate the desire to know more, and to promote the search for possibilities. With new knowledge developing at such a rapid pace, we would lose these opportunities as human beings were it not for technologically-advanced libraries.

We can be proud in North Carolina that library development embraces this as its constant purpose. Relative to this purpose, the successes that libraries of all types enjoy in this state are measured by the height to which its population sees new knowledge as exciting and information as readily available and usable. Being "on-line" and computerized are strategies for achieving this higher purpose.

With this constant purpose in mind, the North Carolina Library Association's Media Committee has established as its number one goal for the biennium to increase awareness and highlight new technologies.

Regional networking meetings sponsored by the State Library were held in May to bring librarians in North Carolina up-to-date on the rapidly

developing North Carolina Library Network. Howard McGinn, Coordinator of Network Development, discussed the opportunities and benefits in detail. Over 400 people across the state attended the three meetings held in Hickory, Greenville and Sanford.

Among those attending the Sanford meeting was Peggy Olney from Moore County Schools. Being anxious to provide the most appropriate services for students that assures for them the best educational opportunities, Olney became excited about what's happening and the challenge by newer technology facing educational leaders across the state.

Reflecting on past experiences with media, Olney sees the current revolution in information science rapidly moving school library/media programs into the newer realm of information storage and retrieval. "Students are learning to sift through the multitude of information in all formats," observed Olney.

The variety of uses and the new capabilities of today's technology provide unique learning opportunities in the classroom as well as in the library/media center. For example, the Down East Instructional Telecommunications Network of Hyde and Beaufort County Schools is linked by an interactive telecommunications system with the capability of both receiving and transmitting instructional programs. Possibilities with this program are limited only by the creativity of the minds of the users.

Another example is the Alexander County Schools' Computers in the Classroom, a model program, which will include the use of microcomputers as instructional tools in every school within the unit.

Local cooperative efforts among all types of libraries are becoming a reality in our state. Two active multi-type networks funded by the State Library are located in Cleveland and Wilson Counties. The area high schools participate in these projects called ZOC or Zones of Cooperation. By developing realistic plans and procedures, the schools' participation in this networking project is working well.

Many fine things are happening across our state as libraries are successfully advancing into the technological era. Do continue to share these with us as you plan, set goals and implement exciting programs.

The next Executive Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 22, 1986, in Forsyth County Public Library, Winston-Salem.

Pauline F. Myrick, President



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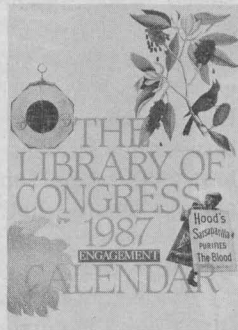
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## Honorary and Life Memberships Nominations

The North Carolina Library Association, through its Honorary and Life Membership Committee, is seeking suggestions for nominees for Honorary and Life memberships.

It has been the custom of NCLA to make these two awards based on the following criteria:

1. Honorary memberships may be given to non-librarians who have rendered important services to the library interests of the state.
2. Honorary memberships for non-librarians should be given at a time considered appropriate in relation to the contribution made.

3. Life memberships may be given to librarians who have served as members of the North Carolina Library Association and who have made noteworthy contributions to librarianship in the state. These memberships are limited to librarians who have retired.

Recommendations for nominations *should be accompanied by biographical information, including contributions to librarianship.*

Recommendations for nominations should be submitted to: Dr. Mell Busbin, Committee Chair, NCLA Honorary and Life Membership Committee, P.O. Box 411, Boone, N.C. 28607, *no later than January 31, 1987.*



## Church and Synagogue Library Association

The North Carolina Chapter of the Church and Synagogue Library Association exists to promote church and synagogue librarianship and to provide educational guidance on an ecumenical basis. Membership provides an opportunity to participate in two workshops annually and to receive the chapter newsletter. For further information, call or write Janet L. Flowers (3702 Tremont Drive, Durham, NC 27705 919-383-3430).