

Report of the NCLA Literacy Roundtable to the NCLA Executive Board July 15, 2005

The NCLA Literacy Roundtable has met once since the April NCLA Board Meeting. The meeting was held on July 5, 2005 at the Hemphill Branch of the Greensboro Public Library.

- 1) The Roundtable contacted Carolyn Dickens, program director of Motherhead, Inc., a literacy development organization based in Raleigh, NC. We received confirmation that Motherhead will present during the NCLA 56th Biennial Conference, in a session entitled “Bigger than StoryHour: Libraries and Family Literacy.” The session will highlight the Motherhead program model and will explore how libraries can incorporate family literacy practices into existing library programs.
- 2) The Roundtable worked on the conference program description, program logistics, as well as the project grant application. Gale Greenlee, chair, agreed to submit the grant proposal by the July 15th deadline.
- 3) Members also decided not to host a booth in the exhibition hall, and instead opted to secure a table near the registration area. Gale Greenlee agreed to secure the table as well.
- 4) Members also discussed the need to elect new officers for the upcoming term. Gale Greenlee and Betty Meehan-Black (chair and vice-chair) agreed to work on the slate of officers. All Literacy Roundtable members will be asked to remain after the conference program to vote of the slate of officers.
- 5) Members also discussed current literacy activities, shared information and discussed the need to recruit more members to the Roundtable.

Following the meeting, several members toured the new branch, which has a special emphasis on utilizing art to support early childhood literacy development.

The next meeting of the Literacy Roundtable will be August 19, 2005, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Saratoga Grill in Hillsborough, NC.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Chair, NCLA Literacy Roundtable
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