

Public Library Section  
Report for NCLA Board meeting  
January 27, 2006

The PLS Planning Council met quarterly—in February, April, July, and October of 2005. The most recent meeting was held on October 28, at Wilson County Public Library. Most of the business of the section focused on planning and presenting programs for the 2005 NCLA conference.

The section sponsored or co-sponsored 15 programs at the conference. These programs included one full-day and one half-day pre-conference offerings (attracting 100 attendees), as well as the section meeting and awards luncheon, which had an attendance of 97 people. Other program topics included Readers' Advisory, Streaming Audio Books, Marketing, Book Repair, Leadership, Security, Genealogy, and Supervision. Total attendance at all 15 sessions was 578.

The section awarded the third annual William H. Roberts Public Library Distinguished Service Award to June Evans, Head of Business Research Services at High Point Public Library. The purpose of this award is to recognize excellence in public librarianship in North Carolina. The award has been endowed by William Roberts, retired director of Forsyth County Library.

Elections were held for officers for the 2006-2007 biennium. Patrick Valentine chaired the Nominating Committee. Elected were: Chair, Lynn Thompson, Southern Pines Public Library; Vice-Chair/Chair Elect, Mary McAfee, Forsyth County Public Library; Secretary, Sherrie Antonowicz, Greensboro Public Library; Directors Susan Herzog, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Library and George Taylor, Randolph County Public Library. Past Chair is Priscilla Lewis, Durham County Public Library.

Retiring from the Planning Council were Patrick Valentine, Past Chair, Marie Spencer, Director, Margaret Blanchard, Awards Committee Chair, and Carolyn Price, Branches Committee Chair. During 2005, Amy English served as webmaster and has maintained section web pages on the NCLA site. This position is now vacant and the section is seeking a replacement.

Plans for 2006 include sustaining activities of the established committees, encouraging growth of the Reference and Young Adult/Teen committees, and offering several workshops.

Dates and places were set for 2006 meetings are:

February 10 – Southern Pines

May 12 – Greensboro

August 11 – Wilmington

November 3 – Statesville

Submitted by,

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