



LAMS Letters

A Newsletter of NCLA's
Library Administration & Management (LAMS) Section

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We hope you will join us for the LAMS sponsored programs to be presented at this year's 60th NCLA Biennial Conference. On the agenda are the following:

LAMS/Leadership Institute w/Adair Cates - \$25 (Price includes 2 books), Tuesday, October 15th, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

The morning will begin with a workshop on basic emotional intelligence principles as demonstrated in last year's NCLA Leadership Institute, followed by the afternoon session with Adair Cates.

Adair came into this world with a clear and forceful intention to fully live her life and share her experience to inspire others. Her devotion to the passionate life has resulted in an impressive list of accomplishments: She held teaching positions in several schools from middle school to college where her enthusiasm and communication skills transformed the learning experience. Her love of learning prompted her to start her own business designing and delivering workshops and motivational speeches to increase satisfaction in work and life. To support her mission to inspire others to their best lives, she wrote *Live With Intention: Ten Steps to Creating the Life of Your Dreams*, a book that prompted Jack Canfield (*Chicken Soup For the Soul*) to write, "If you're ready to create something new in your life, this book is for you!" For more information on Adair Cates and this pre-conference session, please see: <http://www.nclaonline.org/2013-conference/pre-conference>

What I wish I Had Known Then... Wednesday, October 16th, 2:15 pm – 3:15 pm

Are you a new manager, or are you interested in becoming one? Come join us as a panel of seasoned managers share information they wish they had known when starting in the library field. We will entertain questions on various topics such as mentoring, staff development, moral and communication issues. Our panelists will speak for a few moments each from personal experience, and will answer questions from our attendees dealing with real life situations. Join us for what promises to be a lively discussion about things we all wish we had known when starting as a new manager! Featuring Mike Crumpton, UNCG; Jane Casto and Jody Risacher, Cumberland County Public Libraries, and Elena Owens, Wake County Public Library as our panelists.

Speed Interviewing, Thursday, October 17th, 9:45 am – 10:45 am

NCLA's New Members Round Table (NMRT) is pleased to offer Speed Interviewing for the very first time! Partnering with the Library Administration & Management Section (LAMS), we'll provide hiring managers from a variety of library types. They'll each ask you one interview question -- you'll answer it and then get immediate feedback on your response! Move from one interviewer to another, with a maximum of five minutes at each interview station. Find out how you come across to potential employers, and experience a variety of interview questions and techniques! Please contact either Katrina Vernon at katrina.vernon@gmail.com or Lorrie Russell at lorrie.russell@highpointnc.gov if you are willing to serve as an interviewer.



Time to Elect New Officers

Joan Sherif—LAMS Director Northwestern Regional Library

- Graduate Pennsylvania State University, BA
 - Graduate Rutgers University, MLS
 - Member NCLA, ALA, Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL)
 - Branch Coordinator/Technology Coordinator – Northwestern Regional Library
 - NCLA member of Public Library Section, Library Administration and Management Section, Youth Services Section
 - Chair, NCLA Women's Issues in Libraries Roundtable
- Currently reading [Leaning In](#) and [The Art Forger](#)



Brandy Hamilton- LAMS Director

Brandy is currently the Manager of the East Regional Library in Knightdale, NC, (part of the Wake County Public Libraries System). She has a BA in English and an MLIS (both from the University of South Carolina). Brandy holds over 12 years of library and management experience. She became interested in Libraries as a career when she began working as a Library Assistant for the Lexington County Public Library system in Cayce, West Columbia, SC back in 1998. After her first hour on the reference desk, it was love at first sight, and she soon left USC's Master of Fine Arts Program to pursue a library science career.

Her first professional position was Reference Librarian for the Southeast Regional Library for Wake County Public Libraries. She moved up the ranks to Reader's Services Manager at the same library a few years later. In 2010, she was promoted to Regional Library Manager for East Regional Library. In addition to her management role, she was recently been selected to assist with the Wake County Public Libraries staff training initiative.

North Carolina Library Association Experience

Leadership Institute Attendee 2002
Membership Committee 2002- 2011
Membership Committee Chair 2008-2009
Website Redesign Committee 2009
National Library Legislative Day Advocate 2009-Present
Unconference Committee Member 2010
Public Policy (Changed to Legislative and Advocacy Committee) 2011-2013
LAMS Director 2011-present
Incoming Continuing Education Chair 2014

Personal Interests

I love the arts and contribute time volunteering for the NC Museum of Art, Burning Coal Theater and the Full Frame Documentary Film Festival. I am also an active member of First Baptist Church of Garner, NC.





Ruth Ann Copley—LAMS Director
Director of Libraries
Davidson County Public Library System



LAMS—Secretary/Treasurer
Deana Cunningham
Branch Manager
South Branch Library
Granville County Library System



LAMS Chair

Laurence Gavin

West Regional Branch Manager
Cumberland County Public Li-
brary & Information Center
Cumberland County Government
Fayetteville, NC



LAMS - Vice Chair/Chair-elect
Mark Sanders
Associate Professor
Assistant Director for Public Services
East Carolina University



“Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters.”

— Abraham Lincoln

Please vote here!

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/D3CK9MM>

LAMS General Membership Meeting

Thursday, October 17th at 5:15, location TBD

From our CHAIR:

Welcome LAMS members to this latest edition of LAMS Letters. It's hard to believe that it is already September and our biennial conference will be here in next month YIKES! Please check out the LAMS sponsored events as well as a wide range of programs that will appeal to all interests. This year's conference should be the biggest yet!

And don't forget the raffle baskets! See below for a sneak peak of a few of the items that will be in the LAMS basket. Remember, for each ticket you purchase and put in, the section or roundtable gets half the proceeds. We are also going to have a table in the registration area this year for LAMS to recruit new members.



Please contact me at lorrie.russell@highpointnc.gov if you would be available to help staff the table. Even an hour will be a help.

We will have our **general meeting** of the membership on **Thursday, October 17th at 5:15**. I hope each of you will make an effort to attend, and welcome our new officers. You will find bios and photos of each of the candidates in this newsletter.

Until conference, I wish each of you safe and happy travels, see you in Winston-Salem!

Lorrie

