

## NCLA Executive Board Reports, April 2023

### ALA Council no report submitted

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**Highlights:** On 3/23/23 Pamela Mason visited the State Library. The day was spent organizing more of the records and she took four boxes home. On another day, Libby stopped by and took several boxes of the trash away. We are also thankful that the State Library has offered to dispose of the rest of the trash for us! Good news, we are almost done with the file cabinets. Bad news, the State Library found another corner of unorganized stuff. I'll just say it, it's a mess. The plan in the works now is to maybe try to take trips on Saturdays to swap out boxes because the once a quarter visits will just take too long. Also, we want to try to reach out to try to recruit people from the Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill area that would be interested in joining/helping.

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**Submitted by:** Pamela Mason (pmason6@uncc.edu)

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

**Highlights:** 1. We conducted a survey to our section members in February 2023 and decided to have a virtual meeting for our members on July 11, 2023, from 2:00-4:00 PM. The meeting will include time for break-out sessions on trending topics, and information about officers and elections.. 2. We had a monthly Executive Committee meeting on February 22, March 22, and April 19, 2023. We are having this meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. 3. We are offering an ACRL eLearning session on May 11, 2023, 2:00-3:00 PM EST, "Strategies for Teaching Adult Learners" for our section members. <https://elearning.ala.org/local/catalog/view/product.php?productid=837>. This is the second free ACRL webinar for this year for section members. 4. We have a plan to start the election process for our Executive Board Members in July 2023. We will send the information for the vacant positions to all the NCLA members. 5. We are planning to help four MLS students to pay their registration fees and a scholarship for our members for the upcoming Biennial Conference. 6. Our next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, May 17, 2023.

**Planned Events:** 1. Online Learning from ACRL - "Strategies for Teaching Adult Learners" Webinar (FREE for section members), May 11, 2023 2:00 PM, EDT 2. ACRL-NC Chapter Members' Virtual Meet - July 11, 2023, 2:00-4:00 PM 3. Planning to have an in-person networking event for our section members at the NCLA Biennial Conference, October 2023.

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**Submitted by:** Velappan Velappan (velappan.velappan@ncdcr.gov)

#### Business Librarianship in NC

**Highlights:** Three BLINC sponsored presentations have been submitted so far to the 2023 NCLA Conference planning committee. We are hosting a Hybrid Spring Workshop at Greensboro Public Library on Friday, May 12 with sessions on strategically thinking about professional development and networking. Registration for the May 4 pitch day will be posted by April 20. Attendees will be asked to vote for the audience choice award, with additional money at stake.

**Planned Events: May 12 :** BLINC Spring Workshop at Greensboro Public Library from 10am-3pm. May 4: ELC Pitch competition (3-5pm Eastern via Zoom, open to all)

**Biennium Goal Reporting:** We have scheduled our second quarterly workshop of the year and will begin planning the Summer Workshop directly. Task forces are hard at work, focusing on networking and mentoring, recruitment, and collaboration with NC Live. Planning and work is in motion for the biennium election of new officers.

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**Submitted by:** Morgan Ritchie-Baum ([ritchiem@wfu.edu](mailto:ritchiem@wfu.edu))

#### Community and Junior College Libraries

**Highlights:** CJCLS collaborated with the Intellectual Freedom Committee to host two sessions at the North Carolina Community College Library Association's (NCCCLA) Annual Conference on March 7, 2023. • Refresh, Reboot, Reconsider? Selection and Reconsideration Policies, Tim Hunter and Laurie Robb, presenters. • Prepare to Defend Intellectual Freedom, Anne Mavian & Allison Bryan, presenters. These sessions were well attended, with over 30 attendees for each session.

**Detailed Report:** The Executive Committee is currently working with Joel Ferdon and other community college directors to sponsor a pre-conference session at the biennial conference entitled Cultivating Community through Community Colleges—The In's and Out's of Being a Community College Library Director. The proposal has been submitted to the conference planning committee. The executive committee will hold elections for new Executive Committee Officers for the next NCLA biennium sometime in July 2023.

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**Submitted by:** Tim Hunter (timothy.hunter@rccc.edu)

## Conference Planning

**Highlights:** The Conference Planning Committee met twice. The following progress has been made: the conference website is live; conference store items have been received; the call for proposals, posters, and scholarships has gone out; and a site visit to consider Benton for the 2025 conference has been scheduled.

**Detailed Report:** The Conference Planning Committee met twice over the past quarter via Zoom: February 17th and March 22nd. The conference website has gone live. Registration will open on June 1st, but groups who need to register early for budgetary reasons can contact the committee to do so. The call for proposals for pre-conference workshops, paired presentations, presentations, and panel discussions is open until April 15th. The call for poster proposals is open until June 16th. Items have been ordered and received for the conference store. Board members are advised that the Winston Salem State University homecoming dates overlap with the conference dates. Sections and committees are encouraged to plan ahead in making arrangements for space for meals and events. The committee also encourages the use of the Marriott or Benton if possible to help ensure that we meet our food and beverage minimums. Any questions about setting up meals or events should be directed to Local Arrangements chaired by Wanda Brown and AlTonya Washington, with Programs, chaired by Kathy Shields and Julie Raynor, also being advised for scheduling. Those interested in obtaining a sponsorship for their function are advised to contact Amanda Glenn-Bradley to coordinate this rather than reaching out directly to corporate sponsors or vendors. A call for applications for conference scholarships has gone out to the membership. There will be 30 in-person scholarships and 20 virtual scholarships. A training for using Canva Pro to design slides and posters is tentatively planned to be offered to the membership in August. A site visit to consider Benton for the 2025 conference is planned for April 28th following the Executive Board meeting. The next Conference Planning Committee meeting will be via Zoom in April.

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**Submitted by:** Dawn Behrend (vicepresident@nclaonline.org)

## Constitution, Codes and Handbook Revisions

**Highlights:** New NMRT Bylaws were approved by the Section's membership and posted to their homepage.

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**Submitted by:** Mark Sanders ([sandersm@ecu.edu](mailto:sandersm@ecu.edu))

## Distance Learning

**Highlights:** No report.

**Submitted by:** Jessica O'Brien (jessica.obrien@lr.edu)

## Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

**Highlights:** The DEI Committee has a new webpage (<https://nclaonline.org/dei>). The group has finalized a survey, intended for Library Administrators, to inform the work of the committee moving forward. The survey will be sent on April 24, 2023

**Was any supporting documentation uploaded?** Yes

**If yes, link(s) to documentation:** <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1cKTEg6O80gpgdmkTePJI033k2nYxoTmC>

**Submitted by:** Rodrigo Castro (castror@wfu.edu)

## Finance

**Highlights:** The Finance Committee met twice during the first quarter. One item on the agenda was discussing advocacy efforts. Because the statewide advocacy event was replaced by a national event, we decided to combine budget line items. We combined existing Lines 54 (NLLD travel NCLA Pres or Designee: \$1,500) and 55 (Board Travel: \$1,000) into what is now Line 54 (Travel NCLA Pres or Designees: \$2,500). The total approved budgeted amounts still equal \$2,500.

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**Submitted by:** Paul Birkhard (paul.birkhead@rowancountync.gov)

## **Government Resources**

**Highlights:** Nothing to report at this time

**Detailed Report:** Will consider sponsoring a program session for NCLA conference 2023 that is GRS affiliated. Will sponsor one student scholarship for the NCLA 2023 conference.

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**Submitted by:** Elisabeth Garner (garnere@uncw.edu)

## **Intellectual Freedom**

**Highlights:** The Office for Intellectual Freedom tracked 27 attempts to censor materials at public schools and libraries in North Carolina in 2022. Collectively, those cases involved challenges to 162 titles. Two of these cases took place at public libraries, the rest were at schools or school libraries. IF Committee presented at the NCCCLA conference with CJCLS on Intellectual Freedom. We will be repeating this presentation at the NCLive conference on May 22, 2023.

**Biennium Goal Reporting:** IF webpage: The Censorship statement was revised by removing the specifics regarding WCPL which is no longer relevant. The rest of the statement is still meaningful. The 2022 book challenge statistics were added to the chart. For NCLA Conference, we have a collaboration with the State Library: Presentation Title: "Strengthening North Carolina Public Libraries in Defense of Intellectual Freedom and Collaborating with Advocacy Section: Presentation by IFC: IF in NC – What Can YOU Do?"

**Detailed Report:** Challenges going on around the state: CMS pulled 2 books after the group Moms for Liberty filed a complaint. The NCAC formally objects to the removal because the school did not follow their policy. Macon County residents attended a library board meeting complaining that the library is promoting a sexual agenda to minors, objects to their affiliation with ALA and Fontana Regional Library system. Most advocated for sequestering books containing LGBTQ content or themes in one way or another. Some residents suggested putting some type of sticker or label on all these books; others likened them to pornographic material and suggested they be in a restricted area separate from the rest of the library collection. This event promoted a negative opinion piece in *The Carolina Report*. Macon County Commissioners voted on 4/11/23 not to leave the Fontana Regional Library System. Pender County Schools administration has been asked to put a list of 41 books through its internal review process at the behest of the school board. The books have not been challenged by parents, according to the school district. Rather, on Tuesday, school board member Brent Springer made the motion to remove the reads as they undergo review. Some of these entities are using <https://www.pavementeducationproject.com/> to determine what books should be reviewed. Their mission states: "We support lawful efforts to expose the obscene books and materials currently available and used in North Carolina public schools."

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**Submitted by:** Anne Mavian (amavian@cmlibrary.org)

## **Leadership, Administration and Management**

**Highlights:** Conference planned, published a newsletter, programs for summer are scheduled

**Planned Events:** Virtual discussion about managing change: a 4 week lunchtime book discussion on the book *Making Things Right at Work*

**Detailed Report:** Programs: a virtual discussion about managing change is a 4-week lunchtime book discussion on the book *Making Things Right at Work*. Conference Plans: multi-section panel regarding the practical aspects of being involved in NCLA. WILR has requested a partnership for a panel discussion about "Supporting Employees During Difficult Times," and "Present Like a Pro." The decision was to NOT present this year. There is a desire to rework the training. The goal will be to have it ready to present by November 2024, and possibly present multiple sessions. Will consider sending members a survey to see what they would like in a revised "Present Like a Pro." Social Gathering/Meetup: Lunches are not profitable, there is a suggestion to meet at one of the local hotel bars and order appetizers for the group. Brandy will look at the schedule and find a good evening. Raffle Baskets - it is unknown if they will be doing that this year. Brandy will find out more at the next board meeting and report back if we need to create a basket. Conference Summary: LAMS is promoting two panel presentations, one social gathering, and a business meeting, and possibly a raffle basket and a recruitment table. Fall Newsletter: the newsletter director will be on leave until early August, possibly later. If she extends her leave so the marketing

director will step in and put the newsletter together. The goal for the fall edition will be early September and will highlight our offerings at the conference.

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**Submitted by:** Brandy Hamilton ([brandy.hamilton@wakegov.com](mailto:brandy.hamilton@wakegov.com))

## **Leadership Institute**

**Highlights:** The Leadership Institute Planning Committee met on February 20, 2023 to discuss and plan for the LI Mid-Year Meeting.

**Planned Events:** LI Mid-Year Meeting scheduled for Friday, April 21, 2023 from 8-4 at the Iredell County Public Library.

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**Submitted by:** Juli Moore ([julianne.moore@co.iredell.nc.us](mailto:julianne.moore@co.iredell.nc.us))

## **Library Advocacy and Legislative no report submitted**

### **Literacy**

**Highlights:** No report

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**Submitted by:** Sarah Miller ([sarah.miller@gastongov.com](mailto:sarah.miller@gastongov.com))

## **Marketing no report submitted**

### **Membership**

**Highlights:** The Membership Committee met on March 24, 2023 to discuss how to handle lapsed ALA/NCLA student memberships moving forward. We decided to craft an email to send out to lapsed student members. The Regional Directors will receive lapsed student accounts, along with the list of new and renewing members that they receive each month. The email was crafted and sent to the Membership Committee for approval along with a copy of the NCLA brochure to include in the email. It was determined by the committee that the brochure was out of date and needed to be updated before we sent it out with the email. At this point we need to figure out who created the brochure and obtain a digital copy to update.

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**Submitted by:** Juli Moore - Regional Director Piedmont ([julianne.moore@co.iredell.nc.us](mailto:julianne.moore@co.iredell.nc.us))

### **NC Library Paraprofessional Association**

**Highlights:** 1. Local author Altonya Washington accepted an invite to speak at the NCLPA presentation proposal submission. 2. ECU Paraprofessional Conference on May 12 accepted request for NCLPA table. 3. NCLPA chair met with Brittany Champion (REMCo) and Sandra Lovely (Public Libraries) to discuss future event collaborations.

**Biennium Goal Reporting:** We are back on track in completing our goals.

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**Submitted by:** Ronald Headen ([ronald.headen@greensboro-nc.gov](mailto:ronald.headen@greensboro-nc.gov))

### **NC School Library Media Association**

**Highlights:** NCSLMA held its annual Winter Tune Up from Feb. 13-17 with a combination of pre-recorded and live sessions. The call-to-present for the upcoming Annual Conference just closed on April 18th. Early bird registration opens on May 1st. Applications for awards, grants, and scholarships will be open until May 31, 2023. NCSLMA continues to hold monthly Brew Crews for casual conversations with other school librarians across the state in a Google Meet for virtual coffee and discussions. They are held on the first Saturday and last Friday of each month, and they are another opportunity to socialize, chat, and share ideas. Book lists for the 2023-24 Battle of the Books Competitions are now available for elementary, middle, and high schools.

**Planned Events:** NCSLMA Annual Conference will be held at the Benton Convention Center in Winston Salem October 5-7, 2023. This year's theme is, "Magic Happens Here." Early bird registration will open on May 1st and run until June 30th. Awards, Scholarships, and Grants applications are open until May 31, 2023

**Submitted by:** Delandrus Seales ([delandrusseales@ncslma.org](mailto:delandrusseales@ncslma.org))

### **New Members**

**Highlights:** We are working on our events for the conference, which has been our main focus this quarter. We plan to have four sessions on Thursday of that week. We are hoping to host a trivia event on Wednesday night if things work out in terms of money.

**Biennium Goal Reporting:** We were planning to start a mentoring program, but have decided not to do that this biennium.

**Collaboration Request:** We will be asking sections to consider participating in a bingo event during the conference and would love if prizes could be donated by sections.

**Submitted by:** Rachel Olsen (rcsander@uncg.edu)

## **Nominating**

**Highlights:** Results for the Biennial Election

**Biennium Goal Reporting:** Biennium goal is complete - a slate of officers have been duly elected by the memberships.

**Collaboration Request:** The Nominating Committee would like to thank both the Executive Committee and the Web Committee for their assistance in preparing the slate of officers and preparing the poll for the election.

**Detailed Report:** The Nominating Committee was assisted by the Web Committee in preparing and conducting the election ballot. The ballot was open to all current members of the Association from March 1 - 31, 2023. Results from the election are as follows: Vice-President/President-Elect - Lara Luck, Forsyth County Public Library Secretary - Jonathan Furr, High Point Public Library - Treasurer-Elect/Treasurer - Mark Sanders, East Carolina University - Regional Director, Piedmont - Kathy Shields, Wake Forest University - Regional Director, Western - Breanne Crumpton, Appalachian State University All winners were polled and agreed to accept the responsibilities and duties of the office, and agreed to be present at the closing luncheon of Conference to be sworn in.

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**Submitted by:** Lorrie Russell (pastpresident@nclaonline.org)

## **North Carolina Libraries**

**Highlights:** A renewed agreement with EBSCO to provide North Carolina Libraries in their databases was signed during the first quarter. Joseph has begun discussing a change with editorial board members about changing our publishing license for accepted manuscripts to a Creative Commons attribution (CC-BY) license.

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**Submitted by:** Joseph Thomas (thomasw@ecu.edu)

## **President**

**Highlights:** Attached is the president's report which was shared with the State Library Commission on April 14th.

**Detailed Report:** Our Vice President, Dawn Behrend and I attended the COSLA Fly-In with Michelle Underhill. LaJuan Pringle, our chair for NCLA's Library Advocacy and Legislative section, was also in attendance and he led our efforts in reaching out to congress to schedule appointments. The training led by COSLA and ALA were the best we've seen so far. We look forward to COSLA partnering with ALA in future years to make these advocacy days in Washington successful. Our newly established Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee has developed a short survey which will be going out to NCLA members who are administrators in all library types in the state. This survey seeks to better understand the scope and breadth of support NCLA member libraries need from the NCLA's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee. The instrument attempts to identify needs and priorities in the area of DEI as well as initiatives currently implemented at member libraries. The survey will inform the work of the committee moving forward. The survey is qualitative and web-based, and is being conducted using Wake Forest University-based Qualtrics software. Plans are underway for our 65th biennial conference which will be held October 16th - 25th this year. Our theme is "Cultivating Community : Strengthening Roots, Supporting New Growth." Rates are being kept low this year to encourage a strong, in-person conference. Monday's events will be all virtual, Tuesday will be half-day pre-conference sessions being offered in the morning and afternoon, and the rest of the week will be back to our traditional in-person only venue. Keynotes may be recorded, but not live-streamed, and will be provided to attendees for up to six months after the conference. We recently held elections for new officers for the upcoming 2023-2025 biennium and will announce those winners during the conference.

**Submitted by:** Libby Stone (president@nclaonline.org)

## **Public Library**

**Highlights:** PLS Committee met March 9th and April 13th in preparation for the NCLA Biennial Conference. Committee discussed proposals that were being submitted under the Public Library Track at the conference. Committee has decided to host an Author/Wine & Cheese Event. Rachel Webb, PLS webmaster, successfully recruited new members for the Marketing Committee. Carrie Lee, Vice Chair of PLS recommended we broaden the scope of the Adult Programming Committee. PLS will update the Programming Committee and begin to recruit new members for the next Biennial. Nominating committee has been formed and will work on the process to recruit and elect a new member to fill vacant positions. Sandra Lovely, Chair met with Chairs and REMCO & Paraprofessional Sections discuss collaboration opportunities.

**Biennium Goal Reporting:** Committee was able to update PLS BYLAWS. Had a successful in-person Fabulous Friday. Successfully recruited new members for the Marketing Committee. Met with REMCO and Paraprofessional Sections to discuss future collaboration opportunities.

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**Submitted by:** Sandra Lovely ([slovely@dconc.gov](mailto:slovely@dconc.gov))

### Reference and Adult Services

**Highlights:** Meeting via Zoom April 19. Preparing to advertise for the four elected positions. There is a possible buzz session to be delivered via Zoom in May.

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**Submitted by:** Michelle Osborne ([michelle.osborne@gastongov.com](mailto:michelle.osborne@gastongov.com))

### Resources and Technical Services

**Highlights:** RTSS met in January and twice in March 2023 to plan initiatives, goals, generate programming ideas for the rest of the biennium and 2023. RTSS is planning an in-person event at Forsyth Public Library, scheduled for June 2nd; more details forthcoming.

**Planned Events:** Developing an in-person event; a panel discussion with library staff on career transitions and an opportunity for participants to network in person. More details to follow.

**Biennium Goal Reporting:** RTSS is making progress in holding programming for its members during the conference year.

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**Submitted by:** Tiffany Henry ([tnhenry@uncg.edu](mailto:tnhenry@uncg.edu))

### Roundtable on Ethnic & Minority Concerns

**Highlights:** REMCo has been working to prepare for the transition of our board, in addition to preparing for the conference. We've solidified our next chair, Carlos Grooms of Elon University. Marcellaeus Joiner and Champion have also agreed to help revamp the section's bylaws. To get a better feel for bylaw changes and have membership feedback, they will seek input from members at the conference in October. Champion has submitted a call for nominations for awards through proper channels. The newly established Constance Hill Marteen Diversity Award is open to all NCLA members.

**Biennium Goal Reporting:** REMCo has been working to prepare for the transition of our board, in addition to preparing for the conference. We've solidified our next chair, Carlos Grooms of Elon University. To help Grooms transition smoothly and have an effective tenure, Brittany Champion, Chair, and Marcellaeus Joiner, Past Chair, have met with him to discuss the foundational practices that have helped REMCo meet the needs of the membership. Joiner and Champion have also agreed to help revamp the section's bylaws. To get a better feel for bylaw changes and have membership feedback, they will seek input from members at the conference in October. As mentioned before, Champion has started the process of elections. Members have submitted their nominations for the executive board. Elections will run through July and the new board will be announced in August. The section's awards committees had been established. Nominations will run through May and extended if need be. Champion has submitted a call for nominations for awards through proper channels. The newly established Constance Hill Marteen Diversity Award is open to all NCLA members. In preparation for the conference, Champion has worked with several conference committees to ensure REMCo will be thoroughly represented, including our biennial luncheon. REMCo has partnered with several sections. Lastly, Champion met with Sandra Lovely (Public Library) and Ronald Headen (NCLPA) to discuss ways that we can collaborate.

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**Submitted by:** Brittany Champion ([remco@nclaonline.org](mailto:remco@nclaonline.org))

### Scholarships

**Highlights:** Scholarships application period is open, and we have received 12 complete applications to date. The application period closes on May 31, after which the committee will begin its work of selecting recipients.

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**Submitted by:** Katy Henderson (katy.henderson@chathamlibraries.org)

### **Southeast Library Association (SELA) Representative**

**Highlights:** SELA Conference will be a joint conference with ArLA, October 13-15, 2023.

**Detailed Report:** The SELA board met March 29, 2023 via Zoom. SELA will no longer partner with the Louisiana Library Association this year in a joint conference. The decision has been made to partner with the Arkansas Library Association. The conference will be held October 13-15, 2023 in Hot Springs, AR. The theme of the conference is, "Libraries: Shining a Light in the Darkness." Proposal applications for the conference are currently open, and will remain so through May 8th. The SELA board is also considering a SELA Leadership Institute, and a separate committee is compiling information.

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**Submitted by:** Lorrie Russell (sela@nclaonline.org)

### **Special Collections**

**Highlights:** We held a virtual "getting started with oral histories" workshop with Jennifer Daughterty in March.

**Biennium Goal Reporting:** Planning a meet and greet at the Biennial meeting in addition to our regular business meeting.

**Submitted by:** Jessica Janecki ([jessica.janecki@duke.edu](mailto:jessica.janecki@duke.edu))

### **STEM-LINC**

**Highlights:** For the January 30th webinar "STEM Services in Public Libraries", 91 individuals registered for the webinar and 61 individuals attended. Currently, Candace Jacobs is planning the Q2 webinars which will be a 3 part webinar series 1. The COVID Connection: Strategies for building your network online 2. The COVID Connection: Fostering professional collaborations online 3. The COVID Connection: Finding love in digital spaces. The dates for each webinar will be finalized after the panelists have been confirmed.

**Biennium Goal Reporting:** One event per quarter (Met)

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**Submitted by:** J. Denice Lewis ([lewisjd@wfu.edu](mailto:lewisjd@wfu.edu))

### **Technology and Trends no report submitted**

### **Web and Technologies Support**

**Highlights:** No updates

**Submitted by:** Erin Holmes ([web@nclaonline.org](mailto:web@nclaonline.org))

### **Women in Libraries**

**Highlights:** Women in Libraries met three times virtually and focused those meetings on planning for conference.

**Biennium Goal Reporting:** Women in Libraries have met all biennium goals on programming

**Detailed Report:** Women in Libraries met on February 16, March 29, and April 13. We invited three new people to attend the executive board meetings because they wanted to observe a meeting after attending the "How to Get Involved in NCLA" webinar from this past fall. They would all like to serve in their capacity with Women in Libraries. We began planning for officer recruitment for the next biennium. For the conference we are going to sponsor a panel with LAMS on cultivating healthy workplace environments. In addition, we will also sponsor a presentation by NC Author Kelly Starling Lyons on how she advocates for equity and social justice by creating stories for all kids. We are also hosting a luncheon with a North Carolina Cookbook author, Jamie DeMent. We will start sending out calls for nominations for the Marilyn Miller Award in May.

**Submitted by:** Michelle Hildreth ([mhildreth@franklincountync.gov](mailto:mhildreth@franklincountync.gov))

### **Youth Services**

**Highlights:** YS Grant and NCLA Wine, Cheese, & Trivia, oh my!

**Detailed Report:** YSS met via Zoom on March 13, 2023 to discuss our grant Let's Get Creative Serving Our Community for 2023. We will award 5 grants of \$500 to libraries with the most creative ideas to serve their

community. We will announce winners at the NCLA conference. We are also planning to host a Wine, Cheese, & Trivia, Oh My! social during the conference. Participants will be asked to register and it is just \$30 per person. We have some fun prize baskets filled with books, chocolate, and swag. So please tell your members. We are still planning out the details. The next YSS board meeting is scheduled for June 12th, 2023. The board will form a committee to select a new vice chair.

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**Submitted by:** Amanda Weaver (amanda.weaver@transylvaniacouty.org)