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NCLA Resources and Technical Services Section (RTSS) program summaries

Beth Cramer of Belk Library, Appalachian State University presented "Graphic Novels", a program sponsored by the NCLA Resources and Technical Services Section (RTSS). Speaking to an interested and enthusiastic standing-room-only crowd, Ms. Cramer discussed the development of the graphic novel format, introduced vocabulary and definitions, and presented collection development tips: how to select graphic novels for library collections, how to judge their quality, and how to provide access to them.

RTSS sponsored a panel discussion, "One Record or Many? Cataloging Electronic and Print Resources". The four speakers represented library technical and public services at three University of North Carolina institutions: Mary Jane Conger and Kathy Crowe of Jackson Library, UNC Greensboro; Sue Cody of Randall Library, UNC Wilmington; and Patti Easley of Atkins Library, UNC Charlotte. The panelists presented examples of the single and multiple record approaches to cataloging electronic and print resources, and described the impact of cataloging decisions on OPAC displays and ease of access for users.

A panel discussion "State Procurement and Purchasing Issues" was co-sponsored by RTSS and the NCLA Community and Junior College Libraries Section. Speakers were Debbie Luck of Randolph Community College, Irene Laube of Durham Technical Community College, Bill Randall and Ruth Bryan of the NC Community College System office in Raleigh, and Ann-Marie Breaux of Yankee Book Peddler Library Services, a Baker & Taylor Company. The focus of the discussion was the State of North Carolina's "e-procurement" system.

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