



## CRC LIBRARIANS COMMITTEE

**Meredith College**  
**Carlyle Campbell Library**  
**Tuesday, March 8, 2011, 3 p.m.**  
**Convener: Laura Davidson**

**In attendance:** **Meredith College:** Laura B. Davidson, Dean of Library Information Services. Jean Rick, Reference Librarian. **Saint Augustine's College:** Clevell Roseboro, Interim Director of Library Services. **Shaw University:** Musette McKelvey, Librarian. **NC State University:** Carolyn Argentati, Associate Vice Provost & Deputy Director of Libraries; Karen DeWitt, Director, Design Library. **CRC:** Jenny Spiker, Director.

Ms. Davidson opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the Carlyle Campbell Library at Meredith College. The minutes of the fall 2010 meeting were approved. She then invited the members to share news from their own libraries.

**\*\*Meredith:** Ms. Davidson reported that the college is having its next all-campus continuing education event in the library. She is pleased that people from all areas of the college will take part. Her staff is setting up 5-minute discovery programs about everything from NC Live, archives and the classical music library to its moving compact shelving. She introduced Jean Rick, reference librarian, as the liaison for subcommittee on the CRC workshop. She also said her staff is likely to implement World Cat Local, a discovery system for researchers, partly because it is reasonably priced.

**\*\*Shaw:** Ms. McKelvey, who has served in recent years as interim library director, announced that Carolyn Peterson is now the library director. Ms. McKelvey is staying on as a librarian and taking on special projects. Ms. Peterson had worked at the Shaw library in the 1990s. Ms. McKelvey reported that a program that their library started for Black History Month of setting up an ongoing movie station in the library was so popular that they are going to make it a regular feature. The library has also received a grant for technology, including putting together a smart room and a learning commons and media room. She said they're also doing a lot of weeding out, some renovation and getting ready for SACS and Title III visits.

**\*\*NCSU:** Ms. Argentati introduced Karen DeWitt, the design library director, who will be the subcommittee member for the CRC workshop. They told the group about progress on the new James B. Hunt Library building on Centennial Campus, which is scheduled to open in early 2013. The library staff is waiting to hear what happens with the state budget to know what kind of staffing will be available for both libraries. They had requested 24 new positions but that may not happen now. The textiles and engineering programs will be served in the new James B. Hunt building. One of the enticing things in the new library will be some robots to find and move parts of the collection.

**\*\*Saint Augustine's:** Mr. Roseboro, the new interim director, introduced himself and told the group about the million dollar renovation starting this summer at the Prezell Robinson Library. He explained that he is finishing his PhD while holding down the new position. They have hired Jennifer Townes, their new information literacy and acquisitions librarian. She'll be the subcommittee member for the CRC summer workshop. Among their projects are looking at e-books for collection development, getting sponsorships for a social network room and exploring more inter-library loaning. They're also going to implement a library mystery event like Meredith has sponsored and are looking at apps for educational libraries through *Boopsie for Libraries*, a multi-platform mobile library application designed for public and academic libraries. Mr. Alpha Howze is working on a lecture series and former director Ms. Linda Simmons-Henry is working on digitizing holdings. Mr. Fred Sills is starting a mentorship program. Mr. Sukhamoy Dutta, the new interim

associate director, is working on integrating IT and library services. Other projects include encouraging research and information literacy in a number of ways for students, faculty and staff.

**Brainstorming for the Workshop:** The remainder of the meeting was devoted to brainstorming for the fourth annual CRC library staff professional development workshop.

**Date:** Thursday, July 14, if the space is available. Ms. Davidson and Ms. Spiker will check with Meredith on availability.

**Place:** Meredith College. The first choice is Harris Hall, where the workshop took place last summer.

**Format:** Same format as last year with everyone meeting together and no concurrent sessions. Perhaps have different themes in the morning and afternoon (e.g., cool tech trends and then coping with challenges)

**Possible Topics:**

\*\*Library apps (Boopsie for Libraries)

\*\*Integrating IT and library services

\*\*NCSU's mobile walk (history/virtual tour of campus—a way to use special collections—NCSU person involved with that)

\*\*Technology sandbox—from the NCSU new Hunt library

\*\*One-box search and its implications (Meredith and NCSU)

\*\*Serious gaming—design and computer science-NCSU

\*\*Time management and multi-tasking

\*\*Green libraries

\*\*Panel with three students—how do I go about researching? (reality vs. ideal)

\*\*Grants—Robert Bergen (professor at NC Central and consultant)

\*\*Managing in a time of budget cuts (Coping with change—in technology and budgeting)

\*\*Encouraging a positive culture in challenging times

\*\*Bringing in non-library staff—academic officers? Faculty? Students?

\*\*Maybe have some kind of physical take-away (t-shirts? a library app?)

The group suggested that the planning subcommittee meet within the next several weeks. The subcommittee is Jean Rick (Meredith), Karen DeWitt (NC State), Jennifer Townes (St. Augustine's) and a member to be determined from Shaw. Peace is currently in the process of hiring a new director.

--Submitted by Jenny Spiker, CRC Director