

TRLN ANNUAL MEETING 2007: DIRECTORS' REPORTS

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James E. Shepard Memorial Library
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The Most Exciting Things That Your Library Did Last Year

Completion of the Library Renovation Project: The library received many upgrades to enhance our facility as well as our services. Some of the upgrades included: electrical upgrades; fire sprinkler installation system; plumbing replacement; heating and air conditioning replacement; asbestos abatement; new elevator and other interior renovations. A new 100 seat computer lab is located on the first floor.

The books and other print resources are no longer offsite: The reference and circulation collections, bound periodicals and government documents are back in Shepard Library. The collections are located on new shelving in the appropriate areas and are accessible to our patrons.

New Library Director comes on board: The Shepard Library staff warmly welcomed their new library director in October 2006.

The Biggest Challenges Facing Your Library in the Coming Year

While we are most appreciative of the enhancements to the Library, the challenge of **adequate space** for current and future collections will continue. There is still the need for a new library facility.

The challenge of getting our **students** to return the library for informational services.

Other Developments

Shepard Library Selected to Participate in HBCU (Historical Black Colleges and Universities) Digital Project: North Carolina Central University was one of ten institutions selected to participate in the second phase of the Cornell Library and HBCU Library Alliance Digital Project. Collections from our institution will be added to an online repository. This online repository will chronicle the founding of historically black colleges and universities. The funding source for this project is The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Shepard Library has purchased ILLIAD: Interlibrary Loan management software to automate all routine interlibrary loan functions.