

TRLN ANNUAL MEETING 2008: DIRECTORS' REPORTS

North Carolina Central University
James E. Shepard Memorial Library
Theodosia Shields
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The Most Exciting Things That Your Library Did Last Year

NCCU librarians **developed a performance appraisal instrument** that served as the final project in completion of the HBCU (Historical Black Colleges and Universities) Library Alliance Leadership Institute's program requirements. The instrument received great reviews from the program's consultants and will be incorporated in the library's program in 2008/2009. Representing NCCU at the Institute was Library Director Theodosia T. Shields and Government Documents Librarian Victoria Silver. The Institute was funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and was held August 10-15, 2007, at the Aberdeen Woods Conference Center in Peachtree City, GA. For additional information, please visit the HBCU website: <http://hbculibraries.org/html/institute08.html>

Our **National Library Week** program involved many interesting and exciting activities for our students, faculty, staff and community. One of the most notable activities was held on April 16, 2008. The program was a panel discussion entitled "Through the Decades Librarianship at James E. Shepard Memorial Library." The participants were: former directors Dr. Pennie Perry and Dr. Floyd Hardy, current director Dr. Theodosia T. Shields and moderator Andre Vann. It was most interesting to hear the directors share and reflect on library concerns and challenges during their administration. Dr. Perry, the "senior" director of the panel served as director from 1965-1984 and Dr. Hardy's tenure was from 1985-1999 and also as Interim Director from 2001-2003. Dr. Shields has served as director since October 2006.



Andre Vann introducing panel



Dr. Perry (seated) with Drs. Shields and Hardy

The Biggest Challenges Facing Your Library in the Coming Year

Current budget reductions

Present and foreseeable vacancies due to retirement

The SACS Reaffirmation Visit in 2009

Other Developments

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NCCU Jazz Digital Library

Shepard Library will play a significant role in developing a Jazz Digital Library (the Jim Alexander Collection) that will be housed in the NCCU/AAJC (North Carolina Central University/ African American Jazz Caucus Research Institute Digital Library). The Jazz Digital Library will be the only Jazz Research Library housed at a Historically Black College or University. Dr. Paula Harrell, Chair of the Music Department, received a start-up grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to develop the library. Music Librarian Vernice Faison and library assistants Stephanie Fennell and Yingqi Tang received training in digital collection creation and management from Cornell University in July 2007.

Information Literacy Program at NCCU

An information literacy component developed by the library staff will be incorporated in the freshman program. Hasfa Murad, Information Literacy Librarian, will coordinate this program.