

TRLN ANNUAL MEETING 2009: DIRECTORS' REPORTS

North Carolina Central University
James E. Shepard Memorial Library
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<http://web.nccu.edu/shepardlibrary/>

The Most Exciting Things That Your Library Did Last Year

2009 LibQual+ Grant Recipient – The James E. Shepard Memorial Library was one of two institutions awarded a \$3,200 grant for participation in the 2009 LibQual+ survey. This grant will allow us to implement the LibQual+ survey at our institution. The survey will allow us to identify the needs of the campus community and to assess our efforts at meeting those needs. This is a first for NCCU!

NCCU's First Online Collection Documents the History of the University

As one of ten libraries selected to participate in Phase 2 of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Library Alliance and Cornell University Library (CUL) Digital Initiative, Shepard Library produced an online collection of photographic images of people and structures that were fundamental in the early development of North Carolina Central University. Currently the collection contains seventy photographs of Dr. James E. Shepard, the founder and his family, presidents, chancellors, early student life, buildings and other notable individuals. The project is very timely as the university begins its year long Centennial Celebration. The North Carolina Central University Digital Collection is accessible from our home page at <http://web.nccu.edu/shepardlibrary/> and at <http://contentdm.auctr.edu>

The SirsiDynix Migration and Upgrade

The campus-wide Integrated Library System (ILS), SirsiDynix was successfully migrated and upgraded. The upgraded ILS- SirsiDynix/Workflows, Symphony 3.2 blending the best of the Unicorn GL3 and Horizon 8/Corinthian systems, provide a very friendly interface and comprehensive ILS functionality, including both basic and advanced capabilities. It offers NCCU Libraries the stability, quality and performance needed to operate productively and efficiently to serve our users.

The Biggest Challenges Facing Your Library in the Coming Year

The budget reductions and deficits, and its impact on the services extended to our patrons.

Another significant challenge is to maintain a positive attitude and outlook as we face these financial woes.

Other Developments

OCLC Collection Analysis

The Shepard Library implemented the OCLC WorldCat Collection Analysis in preparation for our spring 2009 SACS Reaffirmation Visit. We compared our collection to ten peer institutions.