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Mary L. Boone was appointed State Librarian of North Carolina in November 2005. Prior to coming to the State Library, Mary was a Foreign Service Library and Information Resource Officer with the United States Information Agency and the U.S. Department of State from 1985 – 2005, during which time she rose to the rank of Senior Foreign Service. Mary's service included tours in Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and Washington, D.C. Prior to joining Foreign Service, Mary served as director of the Chapel Hill Public Library from 1978 to 1985 and was a founding member of the North Carolina Public Library Directors Association. She is also a member of the American Library Association. A native of North Carolina, Mary received her BA and MSLS degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The School of Information and Library Science Alumni Association presented her with its Distinguished Alumni Award in December 2003. Mary was presented with the 2009 Library Director of the Year award by the North Carolina Public Library Directors Association.

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Charlotte Bourdeau has been an educator for more than 20 years. After six years in the elementary classroom, she earned her MLS in Library and Information Studies in 1997. As a school librarian, she has worked at the elementary, middle and high school levels. She earned NBPTS certification in 2002.

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Beth is a past chair of the American Library Association's Stonewall Book Award, the oldest GLBT book award in America. While chair, she and the Book Award Committee created the Stonewall Children's/YA award. The inaugural award was presented at the American Library Association's annual meeting last year in Washington, DC. She is a Teaching Instructor in the Library Science Department where she teaches undergraduate Storytelling and Children's Literature courses.

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Frances Bryant Bradburn is a program director for the North Carolina New Schools Project who focuses on the 1:1 learning initiative pilot for the state. The former Director of Instructional Technology for NCDPI, Frances is a graduate of Wake Forest University and UNC-G's Department of Library and Information Science. She has worked at the K-12, university, and state levels in a variety of media and

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Patricia "Patch" Clark (Director- ECU Storybook Theatre) is an Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Theatre Education and Theatre for Youth programs in the School of Theatre and Dance at East Carolina University. She has appeared in numerous ECU/Loessin Playhouse and ECU/Loessin Summer Theatre productions including Grease, My Fair Lady, Inherit the Wind, A Doll's House, Misalliance, Our Town, The Sound of Music, Oklahoma, A View from the Bridge, Crazy for You, Yerma, Grapes of Wrath, The Time of Your Life, Footloose, Arsenic and Old Lace at the Turnage Theatre in Washington, N.C. and The Crucible. She directed the Off-Broadway premiere production of Katmandu at the John Houseman Studio Theatre in July of 2001. She also serves as the director for ECU's Storybook Theatre for children and youth. Original productions for Storybook Theatre include Tales From Around The World, My Hero Reaching for the Stars, All Aboard America! and All Aboard, South America! Other Storybook Theatre productions include The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe, Jungle Book, Willy Wonka, and Charlotte's Web. For more information about ECU's Storybook Theatre go to [www.theatre/dance.ecu.edu](http://www.theatre/dance.ecu.edu).

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Donna Corbo has been a media specialist at Currituck County Middle School for 10 years. She has achieved National Board Certification and has received her post graduate degree in Instructional Leadership from North Central University. Mrs. Corbo has presented at state and national conferences. She lives in Currituck County with her husband, Ken and two dogs Ruger and Princess.

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Penny Dawson is a National Board Certified Teacher in Library Media who has served as Media Coordinator at E.B. Frink Middle School for 14 years. She had 15 years experience teaching both elementary and middle school Language Arts. She graduated magna cum laude from East Carolina University in 1979 and received her Master of Library Science from there in 2000. She holds several leadership roles in her school and facilitates staff development. She is active in her church and community. She considers herself a life-long learner and enjoys attending conferences and promoting literacy.

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Cathy DuPre is in her nineteenth year of education and in her ninth year as a Media Specialist in language immersion programs. She has been named Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools' Gertrude Coward Award Winner for 2009-2010. She has presented workshops for her district (CMS), NCDPI Second Languages Teachers' and Administrators' Institutes, and has served as a panelist and presented workshops for NCSLMA. Cathy has developed and shared her toolkit for services to the Spanish-speaking (a guide of resources for the elementary school library Media Specialist). She has written and received numerous grants for project based interdisciplinary units of study, is a two time Time Warner Crystal Apple National Teacher Award Winner and has been named to "Who's Who Among American Teachers."

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Maliha Farhadi is originally from Kabul, Afghanistan. She is married to Dr. Abdul-Shakoor Farhadi and has two children. She came to the United States as a Fulbright graduate student attending NC State University. Her MA is in ESL (Teaching English as a Second Language). She taught English at different levels, primary school to university, for fifteen years. Maliha moved to Greenville and started working in Joyner Library's Circulation Department and later moved to the Teaching Resources Center. She has also earned her Master of Library Science. Teaching foreign students and working with the public has given her a broad perspective of understanding diverse populations such as race, age, religion, and cultural background.

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After being a Language Arts and Social Studies teacher for many years, Delane decided to obtain a Master's degree in Library Science at the age of fifty. She has taught grades 4-7 and even taught 2nd grade for a short time! Delane is currently the Media Coordinator at Farmville Middle School in Farmville. She is also the Battle of the Books Coach, Lead Mentor, Pitt County MTAC middle school representative and National Junior Honor Society Sponsor. When not in school, she enjoys boating with her husband and their dog Bailey and of course READING! They are the parents of two sons, ages 27 and 25.

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Carol Gehringer earned her teaching certificate at ECU in 2009. She graduated from the University of Michigan with a BA in English and MILS. Carol has 25 years of experience in a variety of libraries including 13 years at the University of Michigan, 12 years in corporate libraries, and 4 years at a school library. She wrote a reference book, *The World Bank*, in 1988. Carol served as a reviewer for Mountainside Publishers, 1988-1992. She currently is a reviewer for Christian Library Journal, and for the Teen Lit Review Blog.

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Joanna Gerakios has a BS in Middle Grades Education and a MLS from ECU. She has taught 8th grade language arts and social studies, and worked as a school media coordinator. Since first entering the public library as a child, and later as a parent and educator, she has been a library enthusiast. Joanna has an interest in bringing books and technology together to energize education and empower students. She currently works to facilitate instructional technology and media programs as an Instructional Technology and Media Specialist for the Pitt County school system.

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Tracie is a Conservation Technician with Joyner Library's Preservation and Conservation unit and has training in book conservation and repair from the Ethington Conservation Center and the North Carolina Preservation Consortium. She also brings to Joyner her varied experiences from over a quarter century of working in academic, school and public libraries, and museums. After earning a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies from California State University San Bernardino, she married a career United States Marine and spent the next 20 years moving about the country. Upon his retirement from the Marines, Tracie and her husband decided to settle in beautiful eastern North Carolina. An avid sailing enthusiast, she is active in the Ragged Point Yacht Club as the club's historian.

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Jami Jones is an assistant professor in the Department of Library Science at East Carolina University. Her research interests, presentations, and writings include resiliency, dropout prevention, and dispositions. Her most recent book is *Tales out of the School Library: Developing Professional Dispositions*, which is co-authored with Gail Bush. Jami's second book on the dropout issue, *Why Students Give Up: The School Librarian's Response to Disengagement and Dropout*, should be available through Libraries Unlimited in fall 2012.

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Nancy May has worked closely with schools and students of all ages as a public librarian, storyteller and media specialist. She received her MLS from Catholic University of America, Washington DC, and media specialist certificate from UNC - Greensboro. She is currently Manager of Youth Services at the University City Regional Library in Charlotte and has been telling stories to kids and adults for more than 20 years. She believes that stories can inspire, teach, enlighten, console, heal, connect and enrich the human spirit.

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Marci Merritt earned her BA in Elementary Education and English from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, and her MLS from North Carolina Central University in Durham, NC. She is currently a media specialist at Roanoke Rapids High School. Previously Mrs. Merritt taught middle school for nine years. She also holds her North Carolina Public Librarian Certification, and has been a member of the Roanoke Rapids Public Library Advisory Committee for the past eight years.

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Julie Perry has been teaching for the past 16 years. Eight of those years were spent in middle school Language Arts and high school English. She has spent the last eight years as a media coordinator at Croatan High School. Julie graduated from East Carolina University with a BS in English in 1993 and a MLS in 2003. She also obtained National Board Certification in 2003.

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Alesia Stevenson is the local consultant for Mackin Educational Services. She holds a MLS and has 15 years experience in a variety of educational areas. Stevenson has managed and mentored a variety of school media centers and shares that comprehensive experience with her customers. Stevenson is a contributor to the UNC Press publication The Encyclopedia of North Carolina History. She also serves on the Vance Granville Community College Arts and Sciences Advisory Board and works at her local public library to improve electronic resources and community outreach on a volunteer basis.

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Mindy Tomasevich is a middle school media coordinator and a National Board Certified teacher. She began a graphic novel collection with grant funds for a program that integrated graphic novels into literature circle reading groups, and has presented to librarians about the benefits of graphic novels in school libraries.

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Patrick Valentine headed the North Carolina Foreign Language Center, a statewide library project from 1979 to 1985, after which he was director of the Wilson County Public Library in North Carolina for twenty years. He joined East Carolina's library science faculty in 2006 and has written on minority languages in libraries and on the history of libraries, mainly in North Carolina, as well as two books of local history. He is married with a grown daughter. He has served for extended periods on the board of the North Carolina Library Association, was president of its Public Library Section, and was active in the North Carolina Public Library Directors Association, as well as a member of American Library Association and the Southeastern Library Association. He has also taken leadership roles in local civic, education and religious groups, and was Chair of ECU Senate Libraries Committee in 2009-2010.

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