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Message from the President

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I am very pleased to announce that we have a theme for the joint conference with North Carolina:

A SPLENDID COMBINATION!!: North Carolina Library Association Centennial Conference & Southeastern Library Association Biennial Conference

It will be held November 9-13, 2004, at the Charlotte Convention Center. The Westin Charlotte Hotel will provide housing and some meeting space for the conference. The Westin is across the street from the convention center so the conference location is almost ideal.

During the week before Thanksgiving, Judith Gibbons, SELA Vice-President-President-Elect; Mark Pumphrey, SELA Conference Committee Co-chair; and I had very productive meetings with NCLA President Pauletta Bracy, NCLA's SELA representative John Via, NCLA's ALA Councilor Vanessa Work Ramseur, and NCLA and SELA members from Charlotte. We met with representatives of the hotel and the convention center to discuss services and meeting spaces available at each site.

The Charlotte Convention Center has reserved space to allow the exhibits, general sessions, and individual breakout sessions to be held there. In addition to those spaces, there are several locations within the center where participants will be able to sit down during breaks or meet officially or unofficially with colleagues and friends. I encourage everyone to look at the convention center's web site to see more details about the facilities <<http://www.charlottecvb.org/>>. A new train trolley is planned that will go from the hotel to the convention center and other locations in the city. A highway trolley system is also available for moving around the city. John Via emphasized the "heavenly beds" at the Westin Charlotte Hotel when we were planning our meeting. They certainly lived up to his description! Judith, Pauletta, and I had the opportunity to test them. I think they'd agree that you have a lot to which to look forward as you make plans to attend the conference. The hotel has only been open a few months, and we were impressed by the service, the food, and the accommodations. Judith and I sampled local restaurants, including some within a block of the hotel, and we were pleased with both the food and the service.

There are a couple of attractions across the street from the convention center that appealed to my librarian's heart. The Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County has a branch in the Wachovia headquarters building called the Check It Outlet. Library patrons can check out books there and pick up books delivered from other branches. The branch is housed in a retail space overlooking The Green, a delightful new park with literary affiliations that should definitely be on everyone's "must see" list. Since they're so close to the convention center they will be nice places to take a break between conference events.

Judith and Mark are working closely with our North Carolina colleagues to develop programs and other conference related events that will truly live up to the theme of the conference. I encourage anyone interested in presenting a program to contact Judith or Mark. Information about the conference will be maintained on the NCLA web site at <<http://www.nclaonline.org/>> so keep checking for the latest update.

--Ann Hamilton