

MISSION STATEMENT

"The mission of the North Carolina Community College Learning Resources Association is to advance the goals of the membership."

HISTORY

The North Carolina Community College Learning Resources Association was founded December 15, 1967 as the North Carolina Community College Library Association. It was created for the purpose of serving as a statewide voice for learning resources and services, advancing the cause of education for all individuals, promoting professional development and unity of purpose for all personnel involved in learning resources programs and encouraging innovations for support of instructional processes.

The Association was expanded May 22, 1969 and became the Educational Media Association of the Department of Community Colleges. Personnel in the library, audiovisual and learning laboratory sections of the Community College System joined the membership ranks. The name was changed in 1970 to the Educational Media Association of the Community College System, with officers serving two-year terms.

The Association changed its name again in 1973 due to the confusion caused by the adoption of the same name when the NCAE merged with the Department of Audiovisual Education. The name was changed to the North Carolina Community College Learning Resources Association. Other changes also took place at this time. The term of office was returned to a one-year period and the three original districts were extended to eight districts. In 1979, redistricting reduced the number to six districts.

Notable accomplishments of the Association include:

In 1978 the Association was actively involved in the Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services.

In 1979 the Association hosted the National Learning Resources Conference in Charlotte. This was the first time the national conference was held outside of Illinois.

The Association initiated action for the automation of libraries and in 1986 tested Dynix in several of the Community College System libraries across the state.