



## PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM NO. 1.

**DATE OF MEETING:** January 6, 2014

**REQUESTED BY:** Mickey Duvall, Pender County Manager

**SHORT TITLE:** Library Director Mike Taylor Appointed by Governor McCrory to 4 Year Term to Chair the North Carolina Public Librarians Certification Commission

**BACKGROUND:** Pender County Library Director Mike Taylor was nominated by State Librarian Cal Shepherd to Governor Pat McCrory for appointment to chair the North Carolina Public Librarian Certification Commission. Mr. Taylor has been notified of his appointment and moderated his first meeting of the commission on December 11. Members appointed by the Governor serve four year terms.

The North Carolina Public Librarian Certification Commission sets the standards for the certification of public librarians. The Commission's goals are to guarantee the best possible public library service for all North Carolinians, to protect and maintain public library resources, to assure professional management and administration of library programs, and to provide certified professionals to meet the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources' personnel requirements for State Aid and federal grants administered by the Division of State Library.

The Commission meets quarterly to review transcripts and determine if applicants meet the degree and coursework requirements of certification. The Commission was created in 1933 when public library laws governing the establishment and operation of public libraries were revised. The law stipulates that public libraries are to be managed by certified professional librarians if they are to be eligible for state and federal funding.

The State Library of North Carolina administers the Public Library Certification program. Staff of the State Library serve the Commission by performing the preliminary screening of applicants and maintaining the Commission's official records.

Mr. Taylor also serves on the Advisory Board of the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center and the NC Digital Newspaper Project Advisory Board. He is a past president of the North Carolina Public Library Directors' Association (2010).