



# The Library News

## 2017 NCCCLA Conference: GTCC Librarian Presents at Conference



This year I had the opportunity to attend the 2017 North Carolina Community College Library Association (NCCCLA) conference, which was held at Carteret County Civic Center on the campus of Carteret Community College in Morehead City. This annual conference is a networking opportunity for community college librarians across the state, and serves as a forum to exchange new ideas in the field. The keynote speaker at this conference was author Lee Smith, who described how a sense of place and the dysfunction in her own family shaped her fiction writing.

While I was attending NCCCLA, I delivered a presentation on event planning for Community College libraries. This presentation was based on the experience of GTCC library staff planning

tation was well-attended.

Although most Community College libraries in NC are not as big as Guilford Tech, librarians in the NC Community College



and hosting an author reading and book signing with Carol Boston Weatherford and Jeffery B. Weatherford in the fall of 2016. Despite being scheduled on the last day of the conference and being interrupted by a loud coastal thunderstorm, the presen-

system are always thinking about ways to improve library instruction, services, and marketing. This year there was a greater emphasis on student involvement in library operations, with presentations on services for

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Early College High School students and planning a Student Advisory Board. The most interesting presentation I attended included speakers from five different schools discussing affordable textbook options and the use of Open Education Re-

sources (OER) at their libraries.

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to the \$1500 average cost per year. It was interesting to hear about a variety of current projects that are providing new approaches to help students and instructors lower these costs.

*Michael Rose,  
Reference Librarian*

## What is TALA?

TALA is the Triad Academic Library Association of which GTCC has been a member since its establishment in 2008. GTCC entered into a borrowing agreement with other TALA libraries (see list to the right), enabling students, faculty and staff in good standing at their home institutions to borrow from other participating libraries. Lending privileges vary by institutions. The agreement allows students, faculty, and staff from each institution to borrow in person from the other institutions, is a complement to interlibrary loan and when students, faculty and staff want to borrow from those collections but have little time. Before going to a participating institution, please contact that institution to verify your eligibility to gain access to what you seek at the library you plan to visit.

*Renée Burrows, Senior Circulation Technician*



### **TALA Members**

- Alamance Community College
- Bennett College
- Elon University
- Forsyth Technical Community College
- Greensboro College
- Guilford College
- Guilford Technical Community College
- High Point University
- North Carolina A&T State University
- Salem College
- University of North Carolina – Greensboro
- University of North Carolina – School of the Arts
- Wake Forest University
- Winston-Salem State University



## Book, Audiobook & DVD Recommendations

*Would you like to check out a specific book related to your field of study? Do you like to listen to books on CD on your way to GTCC? Is there a movie you missed when it was in the theater?*

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Recommend it to the library! Priority will be given to purchases that support GTCC curricula, but other recommendations are welcome, too. Recommendations will be considered by the Technical Services Librarian, and they are encouraged.

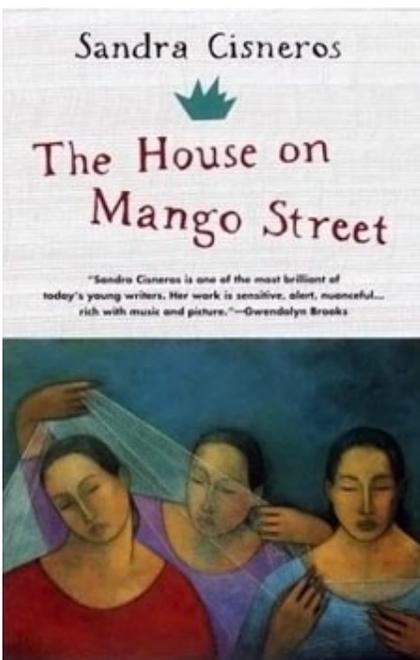
To make a recommendation click on the 'Suggest A Purchase' link on the Library Services page :

<https://library.gtcc.edu/library-services>

*Carol Keck, Technical Services Librarian*

## Book Review

### **The House on Mango Street** by *Sandra Cisneros*



Her name is Esperanza, which means “hope” in Spanish. She’s a young girl growing up in a Latino community in Chicago. She moves each year to a different apartment with her family. That is, until they buy their own little house on Mango Street, where she begins exploring the neighborhood and the neighbors.

“You can never have too much sky. You can fall asleep and wake up drunk on sky, and sky can keep you safe when you are sad. Here there is too much sadness and not enough sky. Butterflies too are few and so are flowers and most things

that are beautiful. Still, we take what we can get and make the best of it.”

Esperanza is one of the few Latinas in her school, and she experiences the pressures of growing up poor, female, and different. The book is written in beautifully descriptive short vignettes, but conveys the harsh realities of poverty, prejudice, and discrimination.

Appropriate for teenagers and adults.

*Pat Leamon,  
Public Services Librarian*

