

Supt. Phillips Endorses Statewide Summer Reading Program

North Carolina's top educator is calling on parents to encourage their children to

read at public libraries during the summer vacation months.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction A. Craig Phillips, in an open letter to

parents, has endorsed the Statewide Summer Reading Program of the State Library

of North Carolina.

Entitled "EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!" the program features a newspaper theme and is designed for maximum flexibility for local libraries.

In his letter to parents, Dr. Phillips said, "Today, more than ever before, the process of learning to read is regarded as the business of parents as well as teachers and librarians. This great interest in reading is not surprising since reading is a key to your child's success in school."

Dr. Phillips cited the cooperation between the public schools and the public libraries in the promotion of 1981 Summer Reading Program and pointed out parents' responsibility.

"You have an opportunity to participate in a program designed to encourage your children to practice their reading skills during the summer months. EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!, the 1981 Summer Reading Program at your local public library, stimulates children to read through the use of films, puppet shows, music, crafts, contests and other exciting activities," he said.

The superintendent further reminded parents that their support and encouragement are essential to the program.

"Last year over 60,000 children participated. The support provided by parents is vital to the success of this program and to the development of lifelong reading skills. I personally urge you to support this fine program."

Dr. Phillips' endorsement of the reading program is the first of its kind in the nation and underscores mutual cooperation of state agencies for the good of the child, according to Diana Young, State Library Consultant for Children's Services.

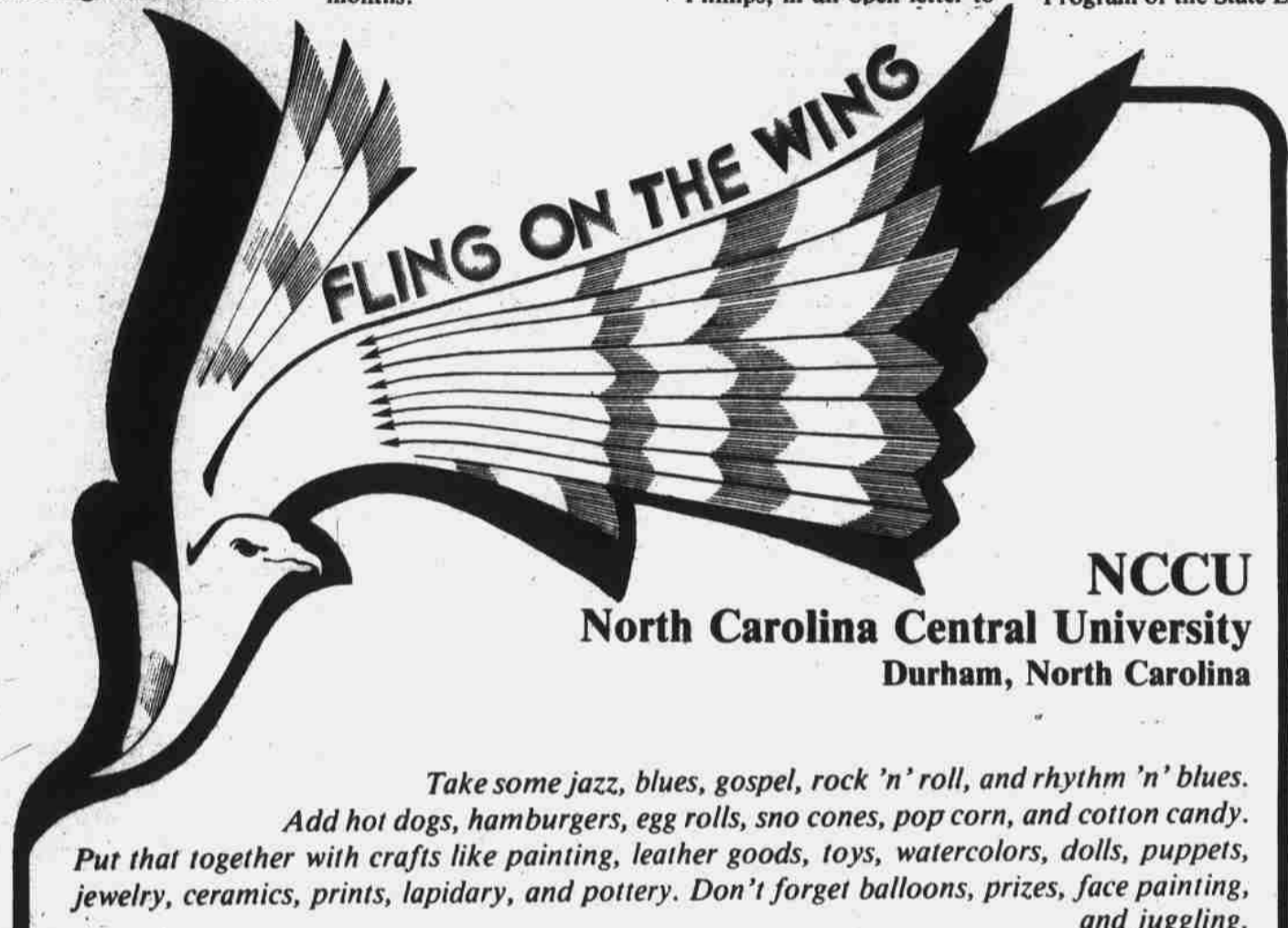
The Summer Reading Program is designed by 10 public library children's librarians for flexibility so that local librarians may tailor the program toward their own needs.

Logos featuring a star and a bear cub were designed by Darla Johnson, Forsyth County Public Library and Ron Jones, Wake County Department of Library. Materials include reading folders, activity sheets, membership cards, bookmarks and certificates signed by Gov. James B. Hunt Jr., serving as "Editor-in-Chief."

Librarians will use a rubber star stamp accompanying the packet to mark children's reading records, showing their progress.

Details are available at your local public library.

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*Take some jazz, blues, gospel, rock 'n' roll, and rhythm 'n' blues.
 Add hot dogs, hamburgers, egg rolls, sno cones, pop corn, and cotton candy.*

Put that together with crafts like painting, leather goods, toys, watercolors, dolls, puppets, jewelry, ceramics, prints, lapidary, and pottery. Don't forget balloons, prizes, face painting, and juggling.

What have you got? FLING ON THE WING!

N.C. Central University's first summer music and arts celebration, FLING ON THE WING, will be held Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the landscaped bowl outside of the James E. Shepard Library, located in the middle of the NCCU campus.

The event will showcase bands and craftspeople from the Triangle area.

According to festival coordinator Tom Scheft, one purpose of the festival is to give people an opportunity to visit the NCCU campus. Another purpose is to raise money for NCCU scholarships and other philanthropic projects in the Durham community.

"We want to provide a good time for all ages with something fun for everybody," said Scheft. "But we also want something positive to happen after the festival. For that reason, FLING will be non-profit, with the proceeds going to community educational and recreational needs."

There is no admission charge and everyone is welcome.

In case of rain, FLING ON THE WING will be postponed to the following Saturday, June 13.

For additional information, call Tom Scheft at 683-6347.

Performance Schedule

- 10—11 a.m.*****The Moon Brothers (jazz)
- 11—12 noon*****RISE (rhythm and blues)
- 12—1 p.m.*****The Exciting Hayes Samir Quintet (jazz)
- 1—2 p.m.*****RISE
- 2—2:20 p.m.*****Ken Kaye (juggler)
- 2:20—3 p.m.*****Thomas Burt (blues)
- 3—4 p.m.*****Center Line (rock 'n' roll)
- 4—5 p.m.*****New Generation Gospel
- 5—6 p.m.*****DRAD-OP (rhythm and blues)
- 6—7 p.m.*****John Holeman (blues)
- 7—8 p.m.*****Brother Yusuf and Friends (jazz)
 with vocalist Eve Cornelious