Conservatory with dichroic glass sculpture by artist Joy Wulke. Gift of Susan K. Nutter in honor of Dr. Deborah Winslow Nutter.

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Maurice York was appointed associate head of Information Technology at the NCSU Libraries on March 5, 2007. York shares responsibility for managing the department that develops, implements, and supports advanced information systems for the Libraries. He leads the work of systems librarians for digital projects and oversees integrated library systems (ILS) and technical operations as well as the help desk. In addition, York will serve as the department’s primary liaison to the Digital Library Initiatives Department.

York previously worked at Emory University, where he served as team leader for circulation and electronic-learning services. With a staff of eleven, he planned and led programmatic developments, including the implementation of ReservesDirect, a fully featured, integrated electronic-reserves system for which he was project manager and interface designer. As a member of the EUCLID Steering Committee, he participated in the planning and execution of numerous ILS enhancements and automation projects. York actively contributed to the redesign of the library’s Web presence and cofounded the New Technologies Think Tank, a joint library-information technology group of developers and designers.

York earned an M.S.L.I.S. from the University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign and a B.A. in multidisciplinary studies from Bard College. His publications and presentations on use of information technologies in libraries are wide ranging. He is active in the profession and served as chair of the Library and Information Technology Association’s Emerging Technologies Interest Group.
Mona C. Couts has been appointed director of the Triangle Research Libraries Network (TRLN), effective immediately. Couts leads the efforts of TRLN, a collaborative organization of Duke University, North Carolina Central University, NC State University, and UNC–Chapel Hill, to develop a comprehensive, interconnected set of information resources and services benefiting students, staff, and faculty at each member institution. In the next five years, TRLN will endeavor to build large-scale digital collections, provide interactive user services and new tools to “search TRLN,” create an efficient and permanent archive of print and electronic scholarly content, lead a national copyright education initiative, develop a large-scale data storage and analysis capability, and develop library leaders for the digital future.

Since 1998 Couts has been program officer at TRLN, where she coordinated human resources and information technology services, activities, and projects and programs of the ten libraries of the four-university network. She served as liaison for technology and human resources to the TRLN Executive Committee and Council of Directors and managed budget planning in program areas. In January 2002 she was appointed co-coordinator of TRLN. Couts formerly held a number of increasingly responsible positions at the Health Sciences Library at UNC–Chapel Hill, most recently as assistant director for technology and resources management.

She earned a B.A. in library science from the University of Florida and an M.S. in librarianship from Emory University. Couts speaks frequently in national forums on a number of topics related to consortial organizations, including writing and responding to grants and RFPS, license review and negotiation, and resource sharing and document delivery.
Focus, a newsletter published three times a year, seeks to promote the services, activities, needs, and interests of the NCSU Libraries to the university, the Friends of the Library, and beyond.
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