#### "Creating Inclusive Environments: Steps To Effectively Addressing Campus Diversity"

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## American Library Association Stated Mission:

"To provide leadership for the development, promotion, and improvement of library and information services and the profession of librarianship in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all."

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website: www.ala.org

#### Discussion Topics today will include:

- Why are we here?
- Share UNC Pembroke's core values and how they create a diverse and inclusive environment/atmosphere
- How do/can libraries serve a diverse college campus effectively?
- How do/can libraries serve a diverse community effectively?

So lets talk about this thing called diversity!

What does it mean to you?



#### Picturing Diversity



#### Types of diversity

- Race/ethnicity
- Gender
- Multi-Generational workforce (for example, at our UNCP library)
- Language
- Learning strategies/how patrons learn (visual, auditory, kinesthetic learners)
- Socio-economic status
- Religion
- Sexual orientation

#### Some Principles of Diversity

- Know Thyself (who am I?)
- Inclusion and engagement (no one should be left behind or not served)
- Everyone is responsible for it
- We can make a difference in patrons' lives/create a sense of belonging

## UNCP Core Values and their relationship to inclusion and diversity

- Communication
- Collaboration
- Accountability
- Innovation
- Integrity
- Service



- Campus Partnerships
- Reach Out to Local community
- Author showcases at the Library
- Step out of our "silo"/comfort zone
- Treat all patrons equally
- Good/quality service is key



The Library communicates a message of inclusion and diversity by co-sponsoring programs with Office for Diversity and Inclusion and Campus Departments as follows:

- Faculty Showcases
- Events Held in Library to Celebrate Black History Month
- Events Held in Library to Celebrate Native American History Month

# The Library also collaborates in the local community (with Office for Diversity and Inclusion) as follows:

- Co-Hosting (with ODI) Children's Hour at R.B.
   Dean Elementary School (Maxton, NC)
- Co-Hosts (with ODI) Children's Hour at Pembroke Elementary School
- Local & Community Business Gatherings

So what is your library doing to serve the diverse communities of interest?



#### Diverse ways of saying "Thank You"



### Questions?

