

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1983 SESSION

CHAPTER 349
HOUSE BILL 616

AN ACT REGARDING RETENTION AND DESTRUCTION OF LIBRARY BOOKS
IN DARE COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 14-398 is amended by designating the present language as subsection (a) and adding a new subsection to read:

"(b) A person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00), public service working in the library at the direction of the librarian for not more than 24 hours as a condition of probation, imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or any combination thereof if he:

- (1) willfully or intentionally fails to return to a public library any library item within 30 days after the librarian or his agent has served by certified mail or delivered in person a written notice that the time for which that library item may be kept has expired; or
- (2) willfully or intentionally removes from the premises of a public library any library item without checking it out in accordance with the posted regulations of the library; or
- (3) willfully or wantonly damages, defaces, mutilates, or otherwise destroys any library item.

A copy of this statute shall be posted in all public libraries and shall appear on the face of all notices mailed or delivered pursuant to subdivision (1).

For purposes of this subsection, 'library item' includes any book, picture, engraving, map, magazine, pamphlet, newspaper, manuscript, film, recording, or other specimen, work of literature, or object of art or of historical significance, or any audio-visual or other equipment owned or in use by the library.

This subsection applies to Dare County only."

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective October 1, 1983.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 23rd day of May, 1983.