



South Carolina State Library Launches New SmartSearch Enhancements

New enhancements make it easier than ever for state residents of all ages to use Discus – South Carolina’s Virtual Library. SmartSearch, the tool that allows researchers to conduct a single search and retrieve information from numerous electronic resources in the Discus collection, is now powered by EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS).

Using EDS enables Discus to provide two versions of SmartSearch: one version for elementary school students and another for older users. Young students using SmartSearch Kids will retrieve information from age-appropriate encyclopedias and magazines and also from StudySC, which links to web resources that are specific to South Carolina. The SmartSearch version designed for older users provides credible information covering most major subject areas and delivered in many formats.

Both versions of SmartSearch offer the additional advantage of automatically recognizing South Carolina residents who access the



resources away from the library, thereby eliminating the login process.

An additional version, SmartSearch+ is available at the South Carolina State Library’s website. State Library cardholders can access SmartSearch+ via the Collections link and in one search are able to search Discus resources, as well as the South Carolina State Library’s unique digital collections.

Learn more about using SmartSearch via the EDS User Guide (<http://bit.ly/1zta1Cw>) and the helpful video titled Research Starters in EDS (<http://bit.ly/1KFccg5>).

For more information, please contact the Discus office at 803-734-8851 or discusoffice@statelibrary.sc.gov.

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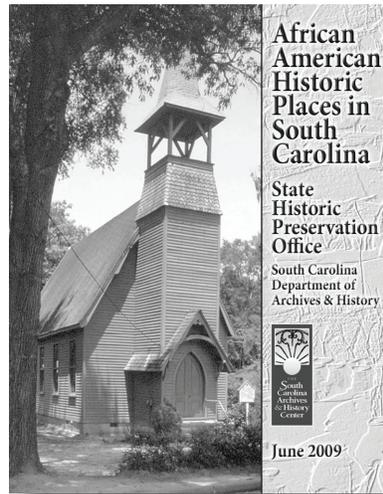
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African American History Primary Resources

Looking for primary resources for African American history month projects? Check out our newly created Pinterest board of documents from the South Carolina State Library's digital collections:

<http://bit.ly/1AXLMnR>



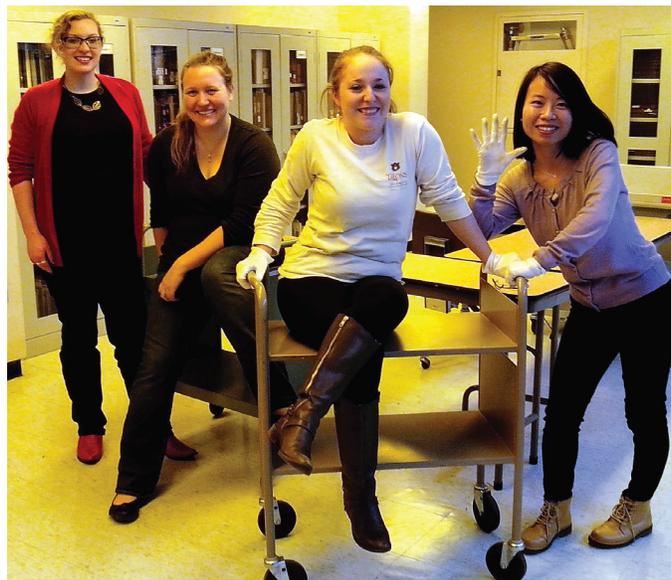
Events Calendar



Have you visited our calendar of events lately? Be sure to check out the training sessions and classes to learn more!

<http://statelibrary.sc.libcal.com>

Thank You to LISSA Volunteers



This month the University of South Carolina School of Library and Information Science's student organization LISSA (Library and Information Science Student Association) stopped by on a bright and early Saturday to volunteer in the State Library's stacks. They

assisted with shifting the South Carolina State Documents collection, dusting the stacks, and withdrawing outdated periodical titles. Their help was much appreciated!

If you would like to learn more about LISSA, you can check out their website at faculty.libsci.sc.edu/LISSA.

Photo (L-R): Megan Coker, Erin Patterson, Lindsay Rogillio, and Yuan Li

Authors In The City to be Held March 14

70+ independently and traditionally published authors from The United States and abroad will be joining us in beautiful Myrtle Beach at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center for another unforgettable signing.

An incredible roster of authors ranging from New York Times and USA Today best-sellers to top sellers on Amazon as well as Barnes & Noble, will be on hand to sign autographs, sell books, and hand out their personalized swag during an all-day meet and greet with fans.

Attendees will be meeting the authors, and having the chance to ask questions and have their books or other mementos signed. There will also be an opportunity to meet all the authors during the meet & greet and even enjoy a sit-down dinner with them at the 80's themed after party.



Golden Czermak, renowned photographer Furious Fotog on hand taking pictures.

For media inquiries, please contact Stephanie Phillips at 843-421-7570. For more information, please visit <http://www.authorsinthecity.com>.

2015 Library of Congress Literacy Awards Seeks Nominations



The Library of Congress Center for the Book is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the 2015 Library of Congress Literacy Awards. These awards are given to outstanding organizations working to promote literacy, both in the United States and worldwide. The awards seek to recognize organizations doing exemplary, innovative and replicable work over a sustained period of time and to encourage new groups,

organizations and individuals to become involved. All groups that work to promote literacy are encouraged to apply.

Visit <http://1.usa.gov/1AbUUWc> for official rules and application form.

Applications must be received no later than midnight on March 31, 2015.

Last year, the awards went to

Room to Read (Rubenstein Prize-\$150,000), SMART (American Prize-\$50,000) and Mother Child Education Foundation (International Prize-\$50,000). More information about these organizations and 14 other literacy leaders is available in "Library of Congress Literacy Awards 2014: Best Practices" at <http://1.usa.gov/199hMtA>.

Free Legislative Research Webinars Announced

The South Carolina State Library is pleased to offer a new series of five free 30-minute webinars on Legislative Research. This series of webinars will look at resources to find and track legislation for South Carolina and the U.S. using scstatehouse.gov, congress.gov and FdSys. We'll also look at resources for locating county and city administrative contacts, and using Discus – South Carolina's Virtual Library resources to keep up with news.

Tuesday, February 24, 2015 – 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Part 1 will cover contacting state legislative members and committees, reviewing the process of legislation, media sites and the Governor's webpage. Register: <http://bit.ly/1tG191H>

Tuesday, March 3, 2015 – 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Part 2 will cover finding and tracking current legislation. Register: <http://bit.ly/1znvxgA>

Tuesday, March 10, 2015 – 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Part 3 will explore finding the status of laws within the South



Carolina Code of Laws. Register: <http://bit.ly/1wJlNsC>

Tuesday, March 17, 2015 – 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Part 4 will cover using congress.gov to contact federal legislative members and review the process of legislation. Register: <http://bit.ly/1zGJb1E>

Tuesday, March 24, 2015 – 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Part 5 will cover using [FDSys](http://FdSys) to find and track federal laws. Register: <http://bit.ly/1DnSSzt>

This series is great for students, teachers, state employees and anyone who may be interested in current legislation or reviewing media resources for analysis. The webinars are free, but registration is required.

For more information, please contact Elaine Sandberg, Information Services Librarian at 803-734-8625 or esandberg@statelibrary.sc.gov.

Learn MORE about South Carolina.
Register today!

New South Carolina State Government Documents for December 2014

The South Carolina Digital State Documents Depository (<http://1.usa.gov/1BGa4Ac>) provides access to publications produced by state agencies and state-supported academic institutions. These publications provide citizens with crucial information about state government, including statistics, annual accountability reports, and data on a wide variety of topics related to the state. The new SC State Documents monthly publication (<http://1.usa.gov/199RSpw>) provides a description, author, and link to the full-text for each new agency document published in December.

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, Shellfish Research Section researches and monitors the status of estuarine and nearshore population of recreationally, commercially and ecologically important species of shellfish in the state waters of South Carolina. They have recently published a five year report (<http://1.usa.gov/1zwdwcv>) to the Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Advisory Committee on the agency's work in the development and application of expertise in the creation of "living shorelines" of oyster reefs using alternative substrates (concrete oyster castles and revitalized, concrete-coated crab traps) to protect eroding shorelines and increase the resiliency of our coastline to pressures from coastal development, increased boat traffic, sea level rise and climate change.

New South Carolina State Documents

A Monthly Report from the SC State Library



December 2014

These publications were produced by South Carolina state agencies and state-supported academic institutions. All titles are available online through the [State Documents Depository](#).

Boards, Authorities & Commissions



Santee Cooper
PowerSource – 2014-10 PowerSource
OCLC#: 47265850
Santee Cooper publishes PowerSource, a corporate quarterly magazine that profiles the many ways Santee Cooper and employees work to full the mission of improving the quality of life for South Carolinians.



South Carolina Budget and Control Board, Office of Local Government
2014 municipal water & sewer rate survey summary – 2014-10-09
OCLC#: 900086554
This annual summary of water and sewer rates for municipalities in South Carolina is broken down by municipality, monthly water service charge and monthly sewer service charge.



South Carolina Budget and Control Board, Office of Local Government
2014 special purpose districts & counties rate survey summary residential customers – 2014-10-09
OCLC#: 898474391
This annual rate survey summary for special purpose district utility rates is broken down by provider, monthly water service charge and monthly sewer service charge.



South Carolina Budget and Control Board, Division of Procurement Services
South Carolina business opportunities – 2014-12-18 South Carolina Business Opportunities
South Carolina business opportunities – 2014-12-15
South Carolina business opportunities – 2014-12-11
South Carolina business opportunities – 2014-12-08
OCLC#: 900079996
This is a listing, published twice per week, of proposed procurements in construction, information technology, supplies & services as well as other information of interest to the business community.

SRFAC Report 2009-2014 Shellfish Research Section

SCDNR Shellfish Research Section



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Five Year Report to the
Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Advisory Committee

October 1st 2009 – September 30th 2014

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SRFAC Report 2009-2014 Shellfish Research Section

On the first of two consecutive days, each net is suspended around a study plot on a series of metal poles and is held in brackets affixed to these poles fitted with cotter pins attached to a trigger line. At high tide the next morning, the trigger line is pulled, removing the cotter pins from the brackets allowing the net to fall, completely surrounding the study plot. Once the tide has ebbed away, dip netting sampling and visual inspection of the plot enables the collection of organisms contained within it, as shown in the image right.



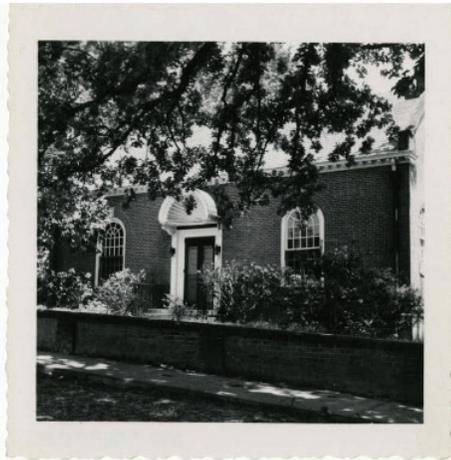
This drop net sampling technique enables the collection, identification and enumeration of the nekton communities utilizing areas of interest at high tide. Without disturbing the habitat, it allows the sampling of intertidal areas that go dry at low tide, at which time the majority of swimming species leave the area. Nekton abundance was shown to be significantly higher on reef plots than control plots at three sites, a natural reef site in the Folly River, a bagged shell reef at Fort Johnson, and an oyster castle-based reef on the ICW near McClellanville. Nekton abundance also varied seasonally, with the greatest numbers of organisms occurring in summer compared to spring and fall. A total of 60 taxa were identified, 57 of which were identified to species, and reef plots contained a significantly higher total number of species than non-reef plots. Drop net sampling has been incorporated into a number of research projects supported by the Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership (SARP, both NOAA and USFWS funds) and the State Wildlife Grant (SWG) Program and is being used to better our understanding of how the use of different habitats by different organisms changes over space and time.



As part of these sampling efforts, the Shellfish Research Section has documented several State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) priority conservation species in higher numbers on reefs than on adjacent control areas, including sheepshead, Atlantic croaker, silver perch and Atlantic blue crab, strongly suggesting that these species are using the reefs for habitat, refuge or foraging opportunities. Researchers have also observed stocked spotted seatrout produced and released by the SCDNR using these reefs.

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South Carolina's Public Library Buildings



The South Carolina State Library and the South Carolina Digital Library present the South Carolina Library Buildings Collection, a collection of images of public library buildings in the state from the 1940s-1970s. The photographs are from the archives of the South Carolina State Library and many were taken by State Library field agents. Topics include exterior views of headquarter and branch locations, interior views, and construction. <http://bit.ly/199UUtO>

Free Social Media Library Webinar

The South Carolina State Library is pleased to offer a free webinar to introduce SC State Employees to the SC State Agency Social Media Library (<http://scsocialmedialibrary.org>).

The South Carolina State Agency Social Media Library provides access to federated searching of social media activity from participating South Carolina state agencies.

Social media activity from these state agencies is continually being captured and indexed.

Social media streams currently include content from Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube

created or received by a partner agency.

This free 30-minute webinar will show the ins and outs of this new online library and illustrate how to successfully navigate and search for social media comments.

When: March 25, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Where: GoToMeeting – you don't even have to leave your office!
Register today: <http://bit.ly/1AYHkFn>

For more information, please contact Amanda Stone, Digital Projects Supervisor at 803-734-4816 or astone@statelibrary.sc.gov.



Ethel Bolden Minority Scholarship Announced

The Richland Library Foundation established the Ethel Bolden Minority Scholarship in 2010 in honor and recognition of Mrs. Ethel Bolden's years of service to the Richland County community and its libraries. The \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded annually through 2017 and possibly thereafter. The scholarship seeks to encourage and provide financial support to students from underrepresented ethnic and

racial groups who are working toward the completion of a Master of Library and Information Science degree at the University of South Carolina.

Ethel Bolden, consummate advocate and pioneer for library services to African-American children, worked diligently for 40 years in the community to promote reading and establish excellence in library

services. She established the first elementary school library at (formerly all-black) Waverly Elementary, served as school librarian at Perry Junior

High, worked as the first African-American faculty member and librarian at Dreher High School, and served twice on the Board of Trustees at the Richland Library.

Application materials must be postmarked by May 15, 2015. Applicants will be notified regarding their status by June 15, 2015. The selection committee reserves the right to elect not to award the scholarship if at least one complete application is not received from a candidate meeting the high standards of the scholarship.

For more information, please visit <http://bit.ly/1AYJoNP>.



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Free Grants Classes Announced - Spring 2015

The South Carolina State Library is pleased to offer two popular grants research and proposal writing classes:

Grants Research: Finding a Funder for Your Nonprofit Organization

This class helps individuals working with nonprofit organizations locate information on grants available from private foundations and corporations using the South Carolina State Library's electronic and print resources. This session will run from 9:30 a.m. to noon and is offered on March 20, 2015 (register at <http://bit.ly/1Kens0D>).

Proposal Writing Basics – This class will focus on what needs to be included in all your grant proposals. Sessions run from 9:30 a.m. to noon and are

offered on two different dates:

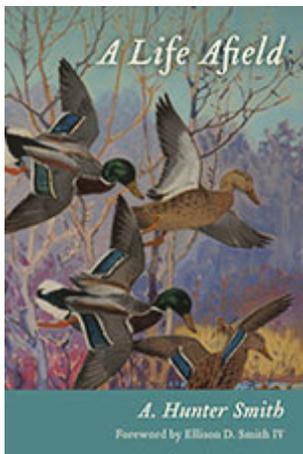
Friday, February 27, 2015 (register at <http://bit.ly/1CHE40i>)

Thursday, April 16, 2015 (register at <http://bit.ly/1zeGi6x>)

Both classes will be held at the South Carolina State Library, 1500 Senate Street, Columbia and are free; however, registration is required. For more information, please contact Dawn Mullin, Information Services Librarian at 803-737-3762 or dmullin@statelibrary.sc.gov.



Free Book Signing and Author Talk with A. Hunter Smith



Join us for an author talk and book signing by A. Hunter Smith, author of *A Life Afield*. Smith's book of short stories is about hunting and ramblings in the Southern woods and waters, revealing evolving attitudes toward our natural world. It is published by USC Press.

Smith is a native South Carolinian who has hunted and fished across the

Southeast, the nation and beyond for the last forty-three years. For thirty years he worked as a hunting and fishing guide and now writes outdoor stories that stem from his experiences afield. He has been published regularly in outdoor magazines and journals, both regionally and

nationally including *South Carolina Wildlife* magazine and *Gray's Sporting Journal*.

When: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 from noon – 1:00 p.m.

Where: South Carolina State Library, 1500 Senate Street, Columbia.

Books will be available for purchase and signing. All Speaker @ the Center programs take place from noon to 1:00 p.m. at the South Carolina State Library. Speaker @ the Center is free and open to the public. The South Carolina Center for the Book is the South Carolina Affiliate of the Library of Congress Center for the Book and is a cooperative project of the South Carolina State Library, the University of South Carolina School of Library and Information Science, and The Humanities Council^{SC}.

Upcoming Continuing Education Events

Legislative Research Part 1

Tuesday, February 24, 2015, 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

This free webinar will cover contacting state legislative members and committees, reviewing the process of legislation, media sites and the Governor's webpage.

Register: <http://bit.ly/1tG191H>

- Who should sign a grant request?
 - How should the proposal be packaged?
 - Should you contact a funder if your proposal is turned down?
 - Where can you find more information on proposal writing, including sample proposals?
- Register: <http://bit.ly/1CHE40i>

New to Discus? Start Here!

Wednesday, February 25, 2015, 11:00 a.m. - noon.

If you're new to the South Carolina library community or just need some refresher information, this free online introductory session is for you. It provides an overview of South Carolina's Virtual Library: why it exists, the users it serves, how to access it, and a brief look at some of the most frequently-used electronic resources in the Discus collection.

Register: <http://bit.ly/1HZxq53>

Legislative Research Part 2

Tuesday, March 3, 2015, 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

This free webinar will cover finding and tracking current legislation.

Register: <http://bit.ly/1znvxgA>

Current Issues: Exploring the Viewpoint Resources in Discus

Wednesday, March 4, 2015, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Discus collection provides two excellent resources focusing on contemporary social issues: *Opposing Viewpoints In Context* and *Points of View Reference Center*. Both resources promote critical-thinking skills and information literacy and are invaluable when preparing debates, position papers, argumentative essays, or persuasive speeches. Join this session to learn the basics of using each resource effectively.

Register: <http://bit.ly/1vGPhOb>

Speaker @ the Center - A. Hunter Smith

Wednesday, February 25, 2015, noon - 1:00 p.m.

A Life Afield | USC Press. Short stories about hunting and ramblings in the Southern woods and waters, revealing evolving attitudes toward our natural world. Books will be for sale and available for signing. Speaker @ the Center is FREE and open to the public. No registration necessary.

Proposal Writing Basics

Friday, February 27, 2015, 9:30 a.m. - noon.

Learn about the basics of writing a proposal for your nonprofit organization. If you are new to proposal writing, you may be wondering:

- What are the key components of a proposal to a foundation or corporation?

SmartSearch by Discus -- Better Than Ever!

Thursday, March 5, 2015, 11:00 a.m. - noon.

This session introduces the new SmartSearch, now powered by EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS). Learn how SmartSearch works with EDS and what goes into creating highly relevant result lists.

Register: <http://bit.ly/1ArUaeg>

View more events and register online at statelibrary.sc.libcal.com

“Science Saturdays” at Oconee County Public Library

Once a month, the Youth Services staff at Oconee County Public Library (OCPL) host “Science Saturdays”, a fun and enriching time for hands-on STEAM-related experiments for children during the non-school hours.

With a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant funded by the Institute for Museum and Library Services and administered by the South Carolina State Library, OCPL engages children ages 4-11 with science and math activities based on curriculum standards while promoting the library’s resources for these subjects. September’s program was all about magnets.

The children also read and acted out the book *Stuck*. November’s program was called “Racing Ramps and Flying Eggs”. The event featured graduate students from Clemson University who taught kids about physics.

In the new year, the library plans to lend telescope kits and stargazing books to patrons



and host a STEAM summer camp for seventh graders.

Georgetown County Library Reaches Out to Hispanic Community

When the staff at Georgetown County Library noticed that the growing Hispanic population in their county did not often visit the library, they took action. They hired a Hispanic Librarian and started to develop ideas for making the library a more inviting

place for that group and for training library staff how to better serve them.

Since the “Buenos Dias, Georgetown County!” project started, the library has already established monthly meetings with members of the Hispanic community, purchased Spanish and ESL (English as a Second Language) resources and AWE learning stations, and added Spanish to the signage in the library. The library is planning workshops for librarians and other community

members about the library needs in the ESL and Hispanic communities.

Their Community Intercultural Hispanic Festival will be held on May 2, 2015.

The library hopes to transform the lives of the Hispanic population by improving English language skills, assisting with assimilation, and developing job skills. The Hispanic outreach grant is made possible by a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant funded by the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and administered by the South Carolina State Library.



Cherokee County Public Library Awarded Prestigious Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services

Thanks to a grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) administered by the South Carolina State Library (SCSL), the Cherokee County Public Library is expanding its outreach services to the community. With funding from this grant, the library has purchased a 2015 Ford Transit Connect van which will carry books and other library materials to rural communities, agencies that serve seniors, apartment complexes, and daycare centers. A primary focus of these services will include increasing the number of homebound patrons the library serves, and reaching at-risk populations through a variety of programs and services. Through a partnership with Cherokee County Habitat for Humanity, the library's Bookmobile makes bi-weekly stops in the neighborhood to deliver books to children and adults. The Outreach Services van will enable the library to add storytimes, special programs, a Wi-Fi hotspot, and iPads to the services



it provides.

“The addition of the Outreach Services van allows us to make stops in places our large Bookmobile cannot go,” says Library Director, Lana Gardner. Gardner is working with the library’s Bookmobile/Outreach Services Manager, Linda Sharpe, to coordinate the outreach sites and schedules. According to Gardner, the Bookmobile will continue its unique service in the community while the Outreach Services van can be used not only to deliver books and programs, but to

participate in various community events.

For more information about the Cherokee County Public Library and Outreach Services, contact Linda Sharpe at 864-487-2711, ext. #19, or visit <http://www.cherokeecountylibrary.org>.

Photo: Linda Sharpe, Cherokee County Library Bookmobile/ Outreach Services Manager

Submit Your Library News

Do you have an interesting library-related story, event, or program that you would like to see in the next issue of *More*?

Please email it to croggers@statelibrary.sc.gov and include photos or images as separate files.

Recent Additions to the South Carolina State Library Digital Collections

Legacy vol. 18, no. 2

Legacy is the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology (SCIAA) newsletter, published two to three times a year. It contains brief descriptions of ongoing or recently completed projects. Legacy also provides updates on SCIAA involvement in conferences, publications, and public outreach initiatives. This newsletter, begun in 1992, was originally called PastWatch but was renamed Legacy in 1996.

South Carolina State Library House Ways and Means Budget Hearing

This document was presented to the House Ways and Means Committee to highlight the activities of the State Library. It examines the library's vision, mission, strategic directions and goals, organizational structure, major program areas and key results and the budget request by priority.

South Carolina Economic Outlook

Since 2008, the South Carolina Department of Commerce has published the Economic Outlook, a monthly snapshot of key state economic indicators on income, employment, and real estate.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE
Charles Cobb Accepts New Opportunity

MARITIME RESEARCH
Hobcaw Blarney Waterfront Project Fieldwork on Charleston Harbor Stone Piers
Ashley Deming Accepts New Opportunity

APPLIED RESEARCH
Archaeology and Heritage at Hobcaw Blarney

RESEARCH
2014 Research at Fort Mifflin Examining Paleontology in the Coastal Plain Through Private Collections

SAVANNAH RIVER
ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH
Immunological Analysis of Paleoamerican and Ancient Stone Tools
Paleolithic Research in Northern Mongolia

ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH TRUST
ARTI Grants in 2015
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ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
South Carolina Antiquities Membership Applications
Remembering Jason Smith

DEVELOPMENT
New Life for Santa Elena

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SCII Forecasts Economic Growth Ahead
Although the South Carolina Leading Index (SCLI) dipped last month, shedding 0.31 points to a value of 101.25, the index continues at a level greater than 100, indicating economic growth over the coming three to six months. A seasonal dip in applications for new residential building permits was the biggest drag on the SCLI. Despite the 0.3 percent decline last month, year-to-date building permits are up 14.8 percent compared to 2013. A 4.3 percent uptick in initial claims for Unemployment Insurance also put negative pressure on the SCLI. Positive indicators last month included strong stock market performance and a 1.7 percent rise in the average manufacturing workweek. In November, the Conference Board's national Leading Economic Index increased, gaining 0.6 percent to 105.5. —David Collins

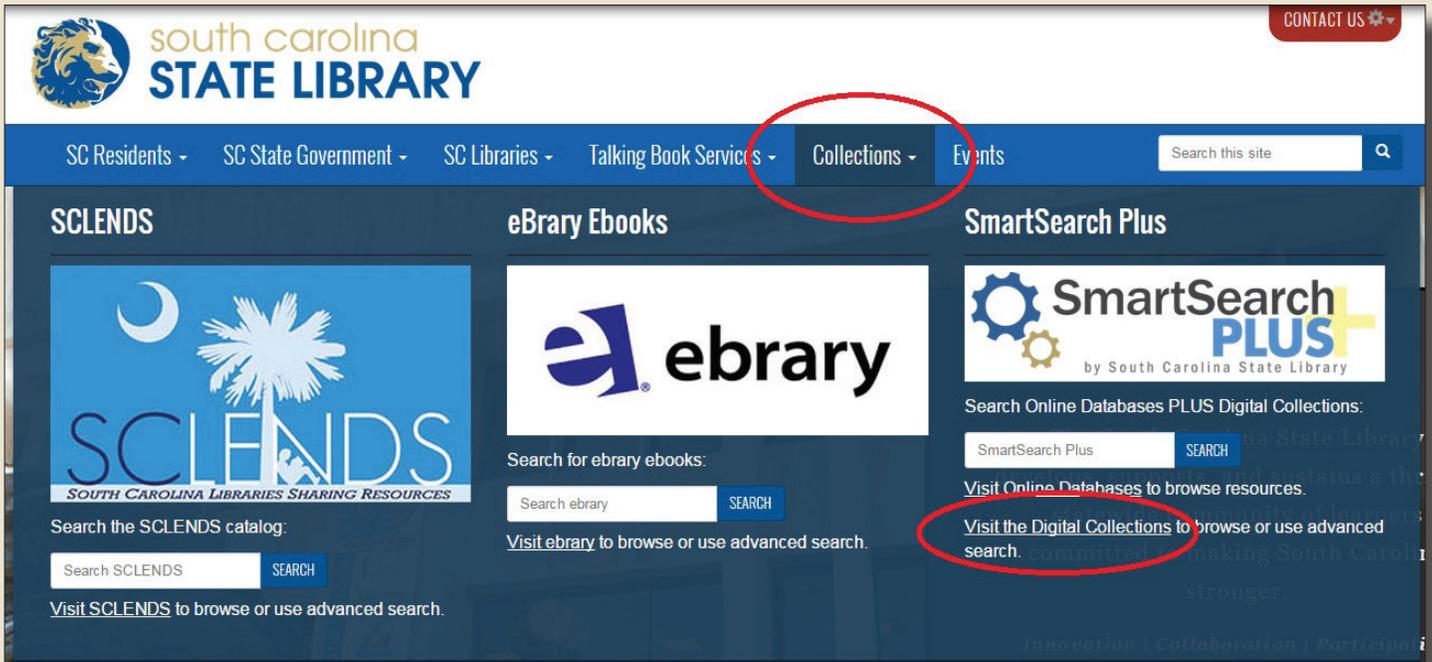
KEY S.C. INDICATORS

Indicator	Change
State Personal Income	+1.0%
South Carolina Stock Index	+0.9%
Nonfarm Employment	+0.7%
Labor Force	+0.3%
Unemployment Rate	+0%
Manufacturing Weekly Hours	+1.7%
Available Online Job Postings	-1.2%
Real Estate	+0.9%
Single-Family Home Sales Price	+0.9%
Residential Building Permits	-37.3%

The South Carolina State Library Digital Collections is a set of online projects that expand the State Library's mission to provide equal access to information for all South Carolinians. These online collections create greater access to the State Library's unique historical resources and new digital projects.

View these and other recently added documents at <http://dc.statelibrary.sc.gov>.

To access Digital Collections, visit <http://statelibrary.sc.gov> and click on the Collections link, then click on Visit the Digital Collections link.



What's New in Discus - SC's Virtual Library

News from Credo Reference

New Featured Topic Pages - Credo Reference now has updated Topic Pages featured on the Credo home page! Check out the topics chosen for February:

- George Washington
- Ada Lovelace
- Piet Mondrian
- Nanotechnology
- Fossil
- Vegetarianism
- Cupid

Gale Cengage Learning Updates

On April 2, Gale will launch enhancements that will affect three Discus resources: Nursing & Allied Health Collection, Biography in Context, and Opposing Viewpoints In Context. These enhancements will increase accessibility for those with disabilities such as low vision or blindness, improve usability for desktop and mobile users, and provide a consistent, seamless delivery of information across the resources by using similar tools,

icons, and color palettes.

Learn more at the Discus website, <http://scdiscus.org>.

Subscribe to the Discus Monitor email newsletter at <http://conta.cc/1Hh1KcL>.



When It Comes to Conference Attendance, Sometimes Going out of Your Comfort Zone is the Best

Attendance Report for 2014 LITA Annual Forum, Albuquerque, New Mexico

by Blair Hinson, Branch Services Librarian, Oconee County Public Library

Thanks to a LSTA conference attendance grant from the South Carolina State Library, the Oconee County Public Library was able to send its Branch Services Librarian, Blair Hinson, to attend the LITA (Library Information Technology Association, an ALA division) Annual Forum in Albuquerque, New Mexico, from Wednesday, November 5, through Saturday, November 8, 2014. The Annual Forum is a smaller conference, smaller than PLA or the annual and mid-winter ALA conferences, and that is by design. The advantage of such a format is that it affords many more opportunities for networking than a larger conference would. The first general session began midday on Thursday, November 6. The theme of the first keynote address, given by Professor AnnMarie Thomas, Professor of Engineering at the University of St. Thomas, was “play,” and

its importance in the learning environment. Probably the coolest two things taken away from that keynote address were references to Squishy Circuits, and the website www.instructables.com.

Friday was a full day of sessions, as well a lunch and “networking dinners,” a very popular feature of the LITA Annual Forum. The second general session keynote was given by Lorcan Dempsey, Vice

website redesign,” which stressed making evolutionary changes to the library website, rather than the Big Change, or revolutionary changes. The OCPL just underwent a total redesign of its website in 2014, and though it had to be a total redesign because the host was no longer offering the template currently in use, in the future, the OCPL hopes to make more incremental, less drastic changes.

The great thing about this conference was that it was a different group of professionals than what one normally encounters at SCLA, or even the TLCU user’s conference the author attended in 2012. While it was initially a little out of a public librarian’s “comfort zone,” by the time it was over, the

author felt like he knew a lot more, and had more in common with the “virtual services” librarians and “web services” librarians, than he would have thought. It also really benefitted the OCPL, since information technology services are provided county government, and the library itself doesn’t have an IT person on staff.



President of Research at OCLC and Chief Strategist. One of the more interesting concurrent sessions of the day was “Technology Literacy Course for library staff: TLC goes a long way,” much of which was similar to staff training done at the OCPL last year as part of an LSTA grant for an Improved Staff Training program.

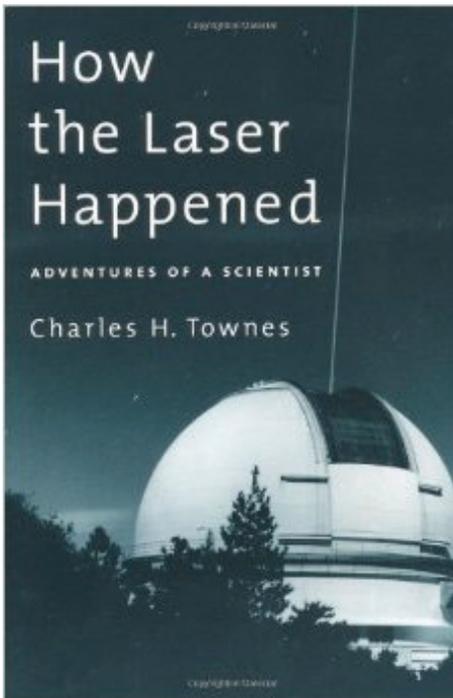
Saturday’s wrap up concurrent session was “The death of the library

South Carolinian was Nobel Prize Winner

By Elaine Sandberg, SC State Library Information Services Librarian

Charles Hard Townes was born in Greenville, South Carolina, attended Greenville public schools, and graduated from Furman University with a Bachelor of Science degree in physics and biology and Bachelor of Arts degree in modern languages. He graduated summa cum laude in 1935 at the age of 19.

While at Furman he was active in extracurricular activities including serving as curator of the museum, working with the biology camp, swimming team, college newspaper, and the football band. Townes received a Master of Arts degree at Duke University in 1936 and then entered California Institute of Technology, where he received a Ph.D. degree in 1939 in physics.



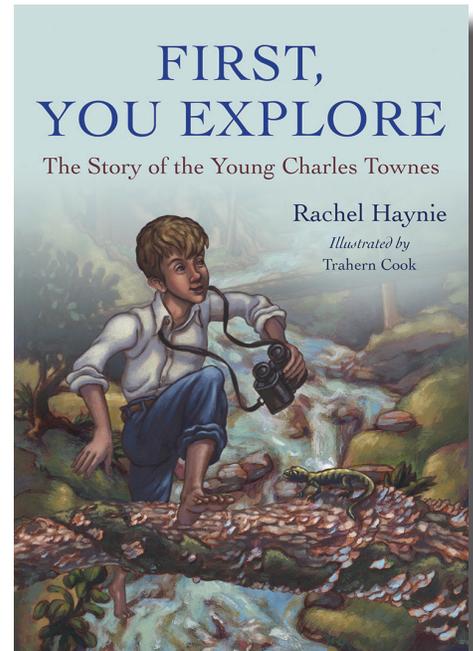
Following graduation, Townes worked with Bell Labs on radar bombing systems. Following World War II he began an appointment at Columbia University where, in 1953, in spite of discouragement from other physicists such as Niels Bohr and John von Neumann, he and James P. Gordon along with H.J. Zeiger, built the first ammonia maser (a device that produces and amplifies electromagnetic waves in microwave regions. The word is an acronym for ‘microwave amplification by stimulation emission of radiation.’) In 1964 Townes was awarded a Nobel Prize in Physics for his work.

Townes had a career full of achievement in physics, with positions at universities here and abroad, earning several prizes, awards and medals.

Townes served on government committees and the boards of General Motors and Perkins Elmer corporations. His death on January 27, 2015 was just six months short of his 100th birthday on July 28, 2015.

In 2002, Oxford University Press published, *How the Laser Happened: Adventures of a Scientist*, by Townes. This title is available to SC State Library cardholders as an ebook via the library’s eBrary collection.

The University of South Carolina Press has also published a children’s book about Townes titled, *First, You Explore: The Story of the Young Charles Townes* by South Carolina author Rachel Haynie and illustrated



by Trahern Cook.

In *First, You Explore*, the first biography of Townes, Rachel Haynie chronicles the scientist’s boyhood fascination with the physical world and his early reading, experiments, and exploration of his surroundings on his family’s farm. At age ninety-eight, Townes was still actively involved in science and education, serving as a guiding force for the planetarium and observatory at the South Carolina State Museum.

This inspirational biography includes a timeline of Charles Townes’s major life events and additional biographical information that parents and educators will find useful as teaching tools.

Black History Month Online Resources

Looking for Black History Month educational resources? Be sure to visit the South Carolina State Library's Black History Resource Guide.

<http://bit.ly/1bFErIK>

Pictured is the ebook cover *Desert Rose: The Life and Legacy of Coretta Scott King*. You can find this and many more ebooks at the State Library eBrary catalog.

<http://bit.ly/1qNx9dC>



Civil Rights Activists Resources on StudySC



StudySC.org is a website that provides online content to support South Carolina-specific curriculum standards. StudySC, created by the South Carolina State Library, makes available a student-friendly environment arranged by grade level and by subject area where students can find the information they need fast.

The SC People section of StudySC features Civil Rights Activists such as Mary McLeod Bethune, Septima Poinsette Clark, Marian Wright Edelman, I. DeQuincey Newman, Modjeska Monteith Simkins, and many others.

<http://bit.ly/1DK7yeJ>

In the News...

YALSA names 2015 Best Fiction for Young Adults

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), has announced its 2015 list of Best Fiction for Young Adults (BFYA). This year's list of 58 books was selected from a group of 113 official nominations.

<http://bit.ly/1zQDYV4>

Over 25,000 Early English texts freely available worldwide!

Having previously been available only to academic institutions which subscribe to ProQuest's Early English Books Online resource, over 25,000 texts from the first phase of EEBO-TCP have been made freely available as open data in the public domain from January 2015.

<http://bit.ly/1AsiWel>

Black History Month Graphic Novels for Your Collection

Need to refresh your Black History Month offerings? Here are some graphic novels, both fiction and nonfiction, that address Black History in dynamic, engaging ways.

<http://bit.ly/1E4XfA2>

On Board A City Bus, A Little Boy Finds The Route To Gratitude

Last Stop on Market Street is a new picture book that takes children on a journey, not to an imaginary land far, far away but to a much more

real place by way of a city bus. CJ is riding with his grandmother, Nana, and along the way, he encounters a variety of passengers — a man covered in tattoos, an elderly woman with a jar of butterflies, a blind man and his guide dog, teens listening to music. <http://n.pr/1ukkTbp>

RUSA Announces 2015 Book and Media Awards for Adults

The Reference and User Services Association, a division of the American Library Association (ALA), announced the top books in fiction, nonfiction, poetry and genre; audio books; and reference books for adults – including the Notable Books List, Reading List, Sophie Brody Medal, Listen List, Dartmouth Medal and Outstanding Reference Sources – at its Midwinter Meeting in Chicago.

<http://bit.ly/17etRMH>

Happy Birthday to Rosa Parks!

Born Rosa Louise McCauley on February 4, 1913, in Tuskegee, Ala., the civil rights activist would have been 102 years old today. It is impossible to imagine how many birthday wishes she received in her 92 years of life, but among the items in the Rosa Parks Collection that recently arrived at the Library of Congress on a 10-year loan from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation, there are hundreds of birthday messages—many from school children—sent over a span of nearly 20 years.

<http://1.usa.gov/1yNB9hR>

Pinteresting African American History

February is African American History Month, an annual celebration that has existed since 1926. This year's theme, according to the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) is "A Century of Black Life, History and Culture."

<http://1.usa.gov/1KOHPUl>

'Frugal' ex-janitor leaves millions to local library, hospital

A Vermont man who sometimes held his coat together with safety pins and had a long-time habit of foraging for firewood also had a hidden talent for picking stocks — a talent that became public after his death, when he bequeathed \$6 million to his local library and hospital.

<http://bit.ly/1BVh7CM>

Museums as Social Agents: Storytelling Aids Emotional Healing

How does a museum respond to contemporary issues within its community? While there are many answers to this question, one unexpected response might be bookbinding.

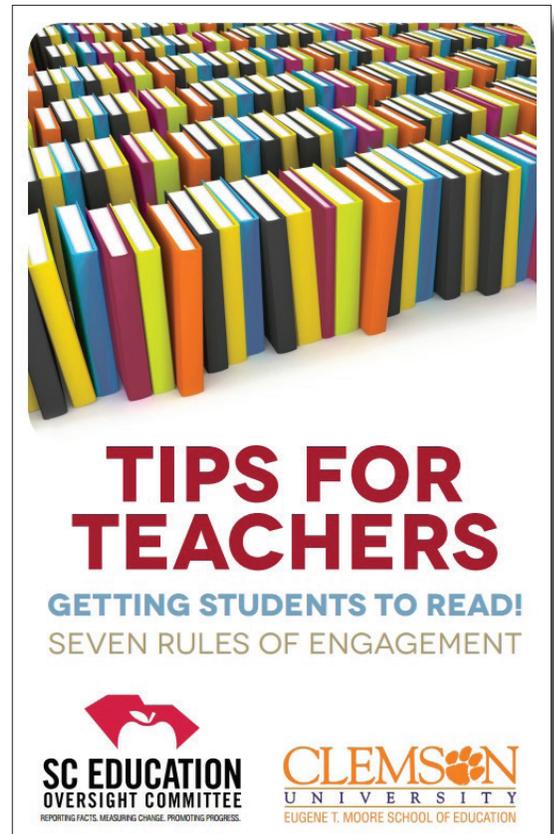
<http://1.usa.gov/19clu4G>

South Carolina State Library Digital Collections Highlight

Tips for teachers: getting students to read! seven rules of engagement

Published by the South Carolina Education Oversight Committee, these seven rules are discussed in detail on how to get students interested in reading: Make reading tasks relevant to students' lives, Give students access to a wide range of reading materials, Give students more opportunities to read, Let students choose what they read and how they engage in and complete literacy tasks, Let students interact with others about what they're reading, Give students opportunities to succeed with challenging texts and Provide support that reflects the value and importance of reading.

You can view this document online at
<http://dc.statelibrary.sc.gov/handle/10827/14024>.



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