



## The Newsletter for South Carolina Libraries

### SCLA Celebrates 100 Years!

On October 27, 1915, fourteen librarians and library supporters met in the University of South Carolina Library in response to an invitation from Robert M. Kennedy published the previous day in *The State* newspaper.

Those present voted unanimously to establish the South Carolina Library Association, the purposes of which would be "to arouse and stimulate an interest in the development of libraries, to be a medium of information in (that) regard..., and to bring into touch her library force that they may gather additional strength and inspiration for the work."

This year, the association is celebrating 100 years and the South Carolina State Library has been assisting the association by digitizing all available issues of the association's main publication.

*South Carolina Libraries* (SCL) is the official journal of the South Carolina Library Association. Keeping in line with the goals of the South Carolina Library Association, *South Carolina Libraries* presents news, information, and research primarily of interest to library professionals in South Carolina; however, articles and research relevant to the general interest in the field of librarianship are also considered.



#### Message from Miss Mary E. Frayer, Chairman, State Library Board

The launching of this library news letter is a source of gratification to me in common with another who believes that the public should be made increasingly aware of what libraries are doing and of the larger service that libraries will give if adequately supported. Relatively few visualize the library as an instrument to create thinking and discussion of every problem needing solution. The pressure of the disturbing issues of the day calls for study, planning and action. We are in agreement with the A.L.A. Bulletin of November last. "Library programs must be keyed to create thinking and discussion of these problems."

As one who has for thirty years watched the development of reading service in South Carolina, I am hoping that librarians will, with each passing year, accept an obligation for a greater part in guiding community thinking and planning, in order that the community may have the advantage of the librarian's ability to put members of it in touch with the knowledge and resources of libraries. This layman asks, "Would it be possible to be as good a librarian in library hours as librarians now are and, in addition, have interest and energy for more personal participation in the worthwhile activities of the community and through such participation wield an even larger influence than at present?" The librarian's work is onerous as well as interesting. Would participation in community activities make such inroads on time and strength that the work of the library or the health of the librarian would suffer? My admiration for the ability which leads the librarian to locate any book called for is unbounded and I agree that the suggestions of the layman must meet the acid test of the librarian's judgment.

Our libraries are inadequately staffed. I long to see an expanded library service in South Carolina, which in all libraries shall include adult readers advisers, specialized services for children, vocational guidance, audio-visual aids and a service ready to help discharged service men and displaced war workers to make economic, personal, psychological and social adjustments.

No one watches what is being done through the libraries with keener interest or greater confidence than this one of many who will welcome this bulletin as a medium of contact between members of the library association and the friends of libraries. The Charlotte Observer of February 4th tells of the movement being made to finance a half-million dollar library for Charlotte. The City Council, the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners and the Library Board of Trustees secured the services of the American

Library Association in 1944 to survey the Charlotte Library and report on its adequacy. The conclusions resulting from this survey are included in a brochure which is being put into the hands of many of Charlotte's citizens. It is entitled "A Public Library—An Investment in Economic, Educational and Cultural Progress." Has the Charlotte survey suggestions for South Carolina? Can these columns be used to acquaint the citizens of this state with South Carolina's library service, her library needs, and how to meet them?

#### Greetings from Miss Helen Hagan, President South Carolina Library Association

Several years ago Althea H. Warren, in an address printed in the American Library Association Bulletin, told the story of a young captain of a destroyer who was coming back into port after days of peril in the stormy North Sea. As the light of a new day began to show, he gave the order for "A salute to the dawn." Miss Warren told this story as an example of what American Library Association members needed at that time. It is repeated here as it seems to apply so aptly to the South Carolina Library Association. We, too, are seeing the beginning of a new day for libraries in South Carolina.

A very concrete evidence of this is the publication of this, the first issue of the Bulletin. Through this bulletin we have the opportunity of becoming a more united and a better informed group of people interested in a common cause.

Another indication of the widening of our horizon is the fact that for the first time we now have an executive secretary of the State Library Board, doing a splendid job of extending library service to the people of South Carolina.

For the first time the South Carolina Library Association is affiliated with the American Library Association as a member and will have a representative at National Council Meetings to voice opinions and help in formulating policies. This will inevitably give us a broader view of our place in the larger pattern of the work we are attempting.

Our membership is constantly growing and for the first time has been opened for institutional members. We now have thirty-four such memberships.

Having the president of the American Library Association, Mr. Carl Vitz, as our guest speaker for our Annual Association Meeting was not only an honor but his messages of opportunities for libraries in the post-war world presented a challenge to all of us.

SCLA invites library professionals from all areas of librarianship (K-12, Academic, Public, Special, etc.) to share your activities, projects, or research to be published in SCL.

*South Carolina Libraries* offers an excellent opportunity to inform library staff members statewide of professional experiences, innovations, and insights.

To search for back issues of SCL, please visit the University of South Carolina's Scholar Commons landing page at [scholarcommons.sc.edu/scl\\_journal](http://scholarcommons.sc.edu/scl_journal).

The 2015 SCLA Annual Conference will be held in Columbia, October 19-21.

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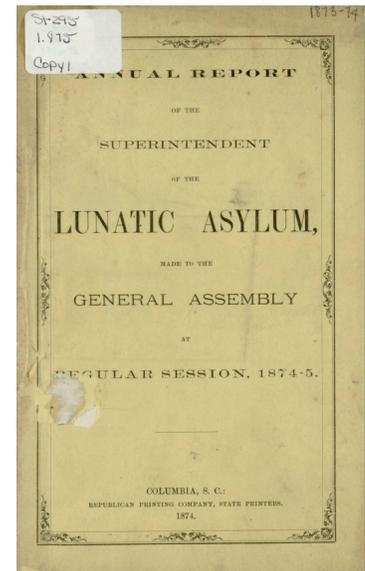
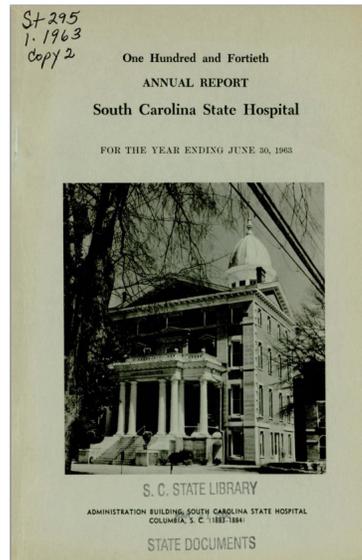
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## New Digital Collection Added

The South Carolina State Hospital, first named the South Carolina Lunatic Asylum, was completed in 1828 in Columbia as one of the first asylums in the county built expressly for the mentally ill and funded by the state government.

The State Hospital published annual reports on its activities, needs, and goals. Detailed statistics are often provided on the patient population.

Visit the South Carolina State Hospital Annual Reports collection [online here](#).



## SC Author Donates Books to Public Libraries

Greenville author Tamara Copenhaver has recently donated 1 copy of each of her books to every South Carolina public library system. Chris Yates, SC State Library's Deputy Director of Library Resources and Services (pictured with Copenhaver) helped coordinate the distribution of books.



*Just The Dog* is an amusing children's story illustrated by Jared Emerson. Readers follow along with the family's exciting day at the ballpark and all that baseball entails- the sights, the sounds, the smells, and... the hot dogs. This particular stadium boasts that ALL hot dogs are made-to-order and the family pushes

this to the limits. The day proves to be fun for some, while quite challenging for others.

*Dad Take Me to the World* is illustrated by Ann Kent. It's a wonderful story about a dad and his daughter exploring the world through travel and imagination.

Tamara Copenhaver is a graduate of Clemson

University and lives with her family and pet fish, Tedward, in South Carolina. Her love for writing began during her childhood. She has been involved with organizations such as Ready 4 Reading that focuses on motivating parents and caregivers to read to their young children.

As a mother and a preschool teacher, Tamara personally knows the importance of books. Her experiences with children have inspired her to create books that will intrigue and interest them. Her books often share her comical side, but range from realistic fiction to high fantasy.

For more information about Tamara, please visit [www.creativeinprint.com](http://www.creativeinprint.com).

## Charleston Friends of the Library Hosts its Annual *That BIG Book Sale* Event

Book lovers and bargain hunters are in for a real treat when the Charleston Friends of the Library host its 34th annual That BIG Book Sale, October 9-11, at the Omar Shrine Auditorium. Over 60,000 books, DVDs, CDs, books on CDs, sheet music and maps will be on sale to the public with prices starting at just \$.50. For the price of one movie ticket or one new paperback book, shoppers can walk out with a basket full of books, DVDs and CDs that they can enjoy over and over again, or pass on to a friend.

This massive book sale not only features a wide variety of bargains to be found, but it gives the public the opportunity to support their local library. The Charleston County Library system continues to see a huge surge in patron interest: from people attending computer and resume preparation classes, to those enjoying free writing workshops led by Charleston's best writers, to children's story hours, Metropolitan Opera simulcast, and of course books, DVDs, CDs, and more. And it's all free. For over 30 years, The Friends of the Library, a non-profit, has been busy raising money to help the library support all of these exciting community events.

### *Hours & Location*

October 9-11 (Friday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)

Omar Shrine Auditorium  
176 Patriots Point Rd.  
Mt. Pleasant, SC

Admission to That BIG Book Sale is free. Items will be half price on Sunday, with the exception of tote bags. A special preview sale for Friends of the Library members will be held during the evening of Thursday, October 8 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Checks, cash, and major credit cards accepted. You



can become a member of the Friends of the Library for \$20 at the door.

The Friends of the Library is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to assisting the county library by providing annual funding for more than 4,000 community programs and classes which are free throughout the county's 16 branch library network. For information visit [www.charlestonlibraryfriends.org](http://www.charlestonlibraryfriends.org) or call 843-805-6882.

## S.C. Academy of Authors Seeks Fiction and Poetry Submissions

The S.C. Academy of Authors (SCAA) has expanded its annual award competitions to include a separate category for student writers of fiction and poetry and an increase in prize money.

Thanks to a recurring grant from the Penelope Coker Hall and Eliza Wilson Ingle Foundation, the SCAA will now sponsor two prizes in both fiction and poetry. The Elizabeth Boatwright Coker Fellowship in Fiction and the Elizabeth Boatwright Coker Student Prize in Fiction will offer winning authors \$1500 and \$1000, respectively. The grant honors the memory and literary legacy of the late Elizabeth Boatwright Coker (1908-1993), who was herself an SCAA inductee in 1991.

Likewise, the Carrie McCray Nickens Poetry Fellowship and SCAA Student Prize in Poetry will offer winning authors \$1500 and \$1000, respectively.

Fellowship winners in fiction and poetry will be invited to the SCAA induction ceremony and awards brunch in Anderson, S.C., in April, 2016; their entries will be published in *Fall Lines*, an annual literary journal published by Muddy Ford Press in Columbia. Student Award winners in each category will also be invited to the SCAA Awards brunch.

***The entry deadline for all awards is Dec. 1, 2015.***

Applicants for the Fellowships in Fiction and Poetry must be full-time South Carolina residents. Applicants for the Student Awards in Fiction and Poetry must be 18-25 at the time of submission, legal residents of South Carolina, and enrolled full time at a private or public South Carolina institution of higher education. Complete submission guidelines can be found at [www.scacademyofauthors.org](http://www.scacademyofauthors.org). Questions about the fiction prizes may be directed to Jon Tuttle at [jtuttle@fmarion.edu](mailto:jtuttle@fmarion.edu); questions about the poetry prizes may be directed to Libby Bernardin at [libbypoet@gmail.com](mailto:libbypoet@gmail.com).

The Fellowship in Fiction is now in its fifth year.

Previous winners are Rachel Richardson of Spartanburg (2015), Nancy Brock of Columbia (2014), Thomas McConnell of Spartanburg (2013), and Craig Brandhorst of Columbia (2012). This year's fiction judge is

Ron Carlson, the award-winning author of four story collections and five novels. His fiction has appeared in *Harper's*, *The New Yorker*, *Playboy*, and *GQ*, and has been featured on NPR's *This American Life* as well as in *Best American Short Stories*. Carlson is the director of the UC Irvine writing program and lives in Huntington Beach, California.

Recent winners of the Carrie McCray Nickens Poetry Fellowship include Barbara G.S. Hagerty of Charleston (2015), Jo Angela Edwins of Florence (2014), Susan Laughter Meyers of Givhans (2013), and Kit Loney of Charleston (2012). This year's poetry judge is Joseph Bathanti, former Poet Laureate of North Carolina and the author of eight books of poetry, including *This Metal*, nominated for the National Book Award, and winner of the Oscar Arnold Young Award, and *Restoring Sacred Art* and *Concertina*, both winners of the Roanoke Chowan Prize. Bathanti is Professor of Creative Writing at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC.

Entry fees help support the SCAA in its mission to preserve and promote South Carolina's literary legacy. For more information about the South Carolina Academy of Authors, visit [www.scacademyofauthors.org](http://www.scacademyofauthors.org).



## Beaufort County Library Partners with hoopla digital

Library cardholders can instantly explore, borrow and enjoy dynamic content on their smartphones, tablets and computers.

The Beaufort County Library System will soon feature public availability of thousands of movies, television shows, music albums, ebooks, audiobooks and comics, all available for mobile and online access through a new partnership with hoopla digital ([hoopladigital.com](http://hoopladigital.com)).

Beginning in October, Beaufort County Library System card holders can download the free hoopla digital mobile app on their Android or IOS device or visit [hoopladigital.com](http://hoopladigital.com) to begin enjoying thousands of titles – from major Hollywood studios,

record companies and publishers – available to borrow 24/7, for instant streaming or temporary downloading to their smartphones, tablets and computers. Each cardholder will be allowed 10 check outs per month.

“We strive to be an integral resource for our community,” says Library Director Ray McBride. “This is done through strategic partnerships like our new relationship with hoopla digital, which enables our community members to instantly stream thousands of new titles to their devices. The easy-to-use interface and elimination of late fees enables us to satisfy many of our patron’s needs in a modern way.”



The Library System will launch the hoopla service to cardholders on Monday, October 12. Visit [beaufortcountylibrary.org/hoopla](http://beaufortcountylibrary.org/hoopla) for more information. Library cards are free to Beaufort County residents and property owners. It’s quick and easy to receive a library card – just bring proof of Beaufort County residency or property ownership to any of our five branch locations.



## Spartanburg Library Hosts 3rd Annual Juried Exhibition

The Spartanburg County Public Library invites visitors from August 14 through October 18 to view artwork on display in the AT&T Exhibition Lobby during the library’s 3rd Annual Juried Exhibition. Amber Smith, former Assistant Curator of Modern & Contemporary Art at The Mint Museum, Charlotte, NC served as juror for this year’s exhibition. Join the library in celebrating the hard work of artists in our community. For more information call 864.285.9091 or email [mirandas@infodepot.org](mailto:mirandas@infodepot.org).

## 2015 Annual Literacy Leaders Awards

The 9th Annual Literacy Leaders Awards were presented by the USC School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) on September 8, 2015, at the South Carolina Center for Children's Books and Literacy, 1430 Senate Street, Columbia. The awards are given to individuals and/or groups that have had a statewide impact on literacy in South Carolina. Their contributions include:

- Developing and implementing innovative and creative approaches to literacy education
- Establishing models of best practices in literacy education
- Providing service to underserved groups and communities
- Providing funding and support for these kinds of programs
- Making other statewide contributions deemed appropriate by the Committee

### 2015 Literacy Leaders

Joe Keeton - formerly of Follett Library Resources, is a school library and literacy advocate.

StartSMART - a unique partnership between Florence School District 1, The School Foundation and

the Start SMART Advisory Council.

Tutor Eau Claire - the literacy outreach of Eau Claire Shalom Ministries, has provided affordable tutoring for dyslexic children and adults in Columbia, SC since 2000.

### *The Peggy Parish Prize*

The Peggy Parish Prize honors individuals who have made a personal impact that increases child literacy in South Carolina. Two Prizes of \$500 each were awarded.

Successful recipients demonstrate their impact through activities such as:

- Implementing or expanding innovative programs or approaches to increase literacy in children
- Encouraging a child's love of reading through the involvement of a parent or caregiver
- Establishing or expanding programs for under-served community groups to increase child literacy



- Creating programs that successfully use Peggy Parish's notion of an "open window" timeframe to encourage reading in children

This prize is offered in Peggy Parish's memory, to honor those who demonstrate the imagination, creativity and energy to help the children of South Carolina become life-long readers.

### *Peggy Parish Prize Winners*

Julie Bascom is the Youth Services Manager for the Hilton Head Branch of the Beaufort County Library.

Vicky Culbertson is a certified reading specialist and school librarian in Laurens County.

For more information about the awards program, [please visit the website](#).

## LSTA Corner

The SC State Library administers funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in the form of Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants. The new grant year is upon us! We have several grant opportunities available at this time for public libraries in the state. Please visit our [LSTA LibGuide](#) for guidelines and application information.

- **Continuing Education Grants** (formerly Conference Attendance Grants): No deadline. This year, library staff can attend conferences OR take a course. See the guidelines for details. Up to \$1,000 for out-of-state, \$750 for in-state, \$500 for online course. There are no more grants available for school librarians, but there are some available for academic/college/ university librarians. Otherwise, public library staff may apply until funds run out.

- **School & Public Library Partnership Mini-Grant:**

Deadline is September 24, 2015. This will award up to \$1,500 for each person in a team made up of a school librarian and a public library staff person to attend the YALSA conference. Teams will also help SCSL develop a summit about collaboration between schools and public libraries in Summer 2016.

- **Planning Grant:** No deadline—limited funding availability. This is generally used to pay a consultant for a community needs assessment or for the development of a strategic plan. Up to \$2,500 each.

- **Tuition Grant:** Fall semester is closed, but we are accepting applications for the Spring semester until December 16, 2015. This is for an MLIS student (any



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ALA accredited school) who has already earned 9 credit hours. Award amount is determined by number of applicants and limited funds. We do try to cover at least one class' worth of tuition if possible.

- **UPCOMING: Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) Grant:** Due in January. Awardees will attend the CSLP conference in April and will assist SCSL throughout the year in statewide Summer Reading matters.

Contact Halie Brazier, LSTA Coordinator, with any questions at [hbrazier@statelibrary.sc.gov](mailto:hbrazier@statelibrary.sc.gov). (Note: individuals who do not work at a library in SC are not eligible to apply.)

## New Preparedness LibGuide Now Available for Libraries

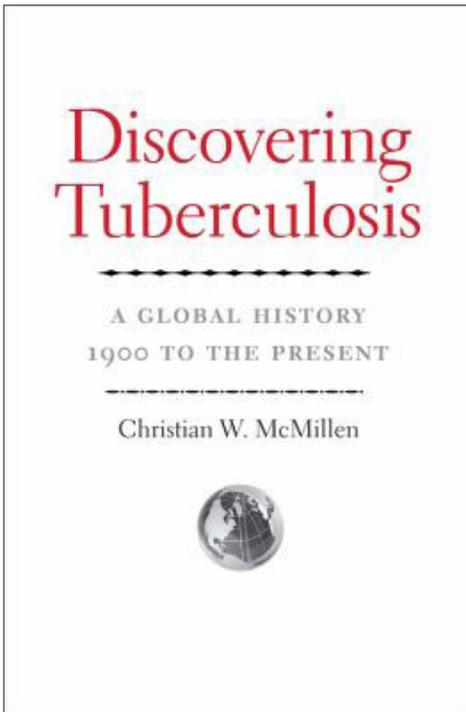
September is National Preparedness Month and the South Carolina State Library is pleased to present its new [Disaster Preparedness Libraries LibGuide](#). This is a short guide of federal, state, and other online resources for libraries to have ready for staff and patrons for a variety of emergencies when library holdings are in danger of destruction.

For more information about National Preparedness Month, please visit the [Ready.gov website](#).



## New Titles in the Collection

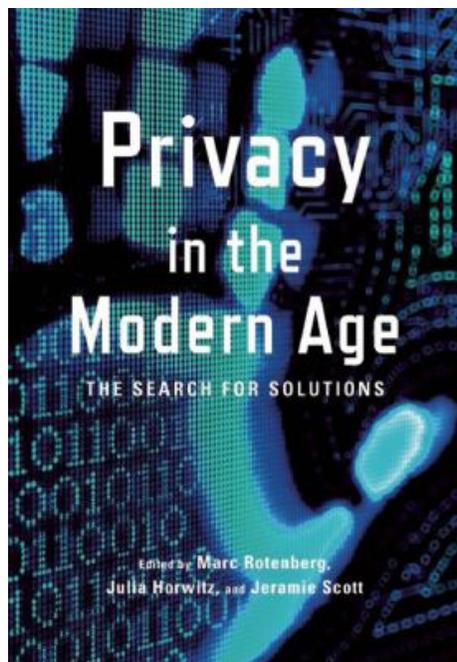
*Discovering Tuberculosis, a global history 1900 to the present.* Christian W. McMillen. Yale, 2015.



Tuberculosis is one of the world’s deadliest infectious diseases, killing nearly two million people every year—more now than at any other time in history. While the developed world has nearly forgotten about TB, it continues to wreak havoc across much of the globe. In this interdisciplinary study of global efforts to control TB, Christian McMillen examines the disease’s remarkable staying power by offering a probing look at key locations, developments, ideas, and medical successes and failures since 1900. He explores TB and race in east Africa, in South Africa, and on

Native American reservations in the first half of the twentieth century, investigates the unsuccessful search for a vaccine, uncovers the origins of drug-resistant tuberculosis in Kenya and elsewhere in the decades following World War II, and details the tragic story of the resurgence of TB in the era of HIV/AIDS. *Discovering Tuberculosis* explains why controlling TB has been, and continues to be, so difficult, and why it is essential that TB workers and policymakers understand the histories of past control efforts and the local settings and political contingencies that shaped them.

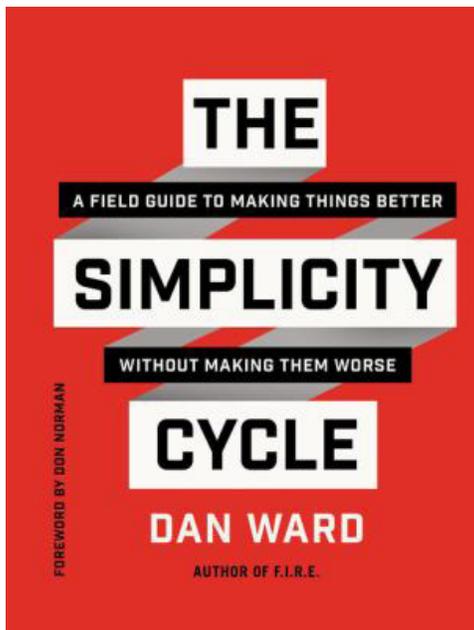
*Privacy in the modern age: the search for solutions.* Edited by Marc Rotenberg, Julia Horwitz and Jeramie Scott. New York Press, 2015



The contributors to this anthology don’t simply describe these problems or warn about the loss of privacy—they propose solutions. They look closely at business practices, public policy, and technology design, and ask, “Should this continue? Is there a better approach?” They take seriously the dictum of Thomas Edison: “What one creates with his hand, he should control with his head.” It’s a new approach to the privacy debate, one that assumes privacy is worth protecting, that there are solutions to be found, and that the future is not yet known. This volume will interest policy makers and researchers, journalists and scholars, and others looking for answers to one of the biggest challenges of our modern day. The premise is clear: there’s a problem—let’s find a solution.

*The Simplicity Cycle, a field guide to making things better without making them worse.* Dan Ward. Harper Business, 2015.

Dan Ward shines a light on how complexity affects the things we make for good or ill, taking us on a journey through the process of making things, with a particular focus on identifying and avoiding complexity-related pitfalls. Project managers, office managers, and students and faculty of business will find this book helpful.

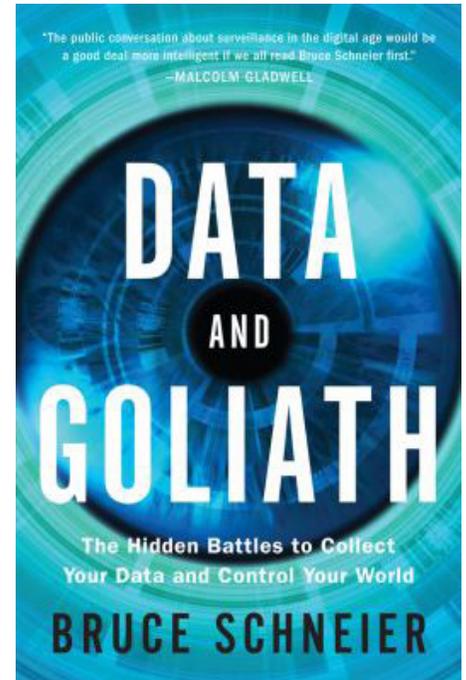


*Data and Goliath, the hidden battles to collect your data and control your world.* Bruce Schneier. Norton, 2015.

Data is everywhere. We create it every time we go online, turn our

phone on (or off!), or pay with a credit card. This data is stored, studied, and bought and sold by corporations and governments for surveillance and for control. Author Bruce Schneier shows how this data has led to a double-edged Internet—a Web that gives power to the people but is abused by the institutions on which those people depend. In *Data and Goliath*, Schneier reveals the full extent of surveillance, censorship, and propaganda in society today, examining the risks of cybercrime, cyberterrorism, and cyberwar. Even readers well versed in the issues are likely to be shocked by some instances of technological intrusions. The book also notes the psychological aspects of the loss of control of one's data. This important book does more than detail the threat; it tells the average

low-tech citizen what steps he or she can take to limit surveillance, and thus fight those are seeking to strip privacy from all of us.”

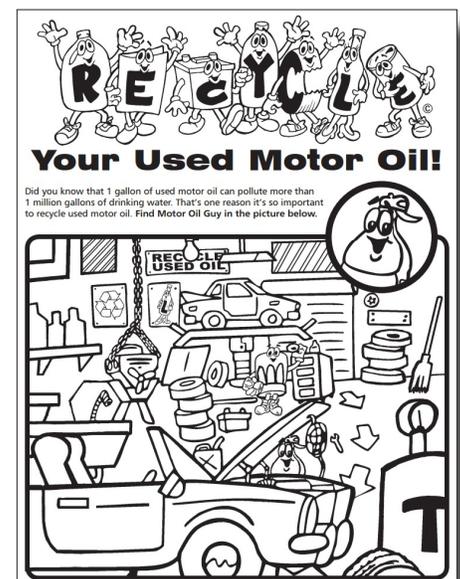


## New SC State Government Documents

The [South Carolina State Documents Depository](#) 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 [July South Carolina State Documents publication](#) provides a description, author, and link to the full-text for each new agency document

published in January. State documents are not just long, complicated reports. Sometimes they are coloring books for kids!

This month, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control published an [activity book](#) for students to learn about recycling in the schools, recycling used motor oil, and tips for how to recycle common household items.



## State Library Welcomes New Staff Member

On Tuesday, September 8, Sheila Dorsey joined our team as the Library Specialist for the Collection Management & Digitization Department. Sheila will be receiving, processing, and maintaining library materials, including state and federal documents. Sheila will also be processing serials, providing serials management, and digitizing selected print state documents from the library collection.

Sheila obtained her Master of Library and Information Science from the University of South

Carolina with an emphasis in reference resources, preservation and online research. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from the College of Charleston with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Fine Arts and a strong minor in Ancient History.

Prior to becoming a proud member of the State Library, Sheila worked at the Richland Library in the Business and Job Center.

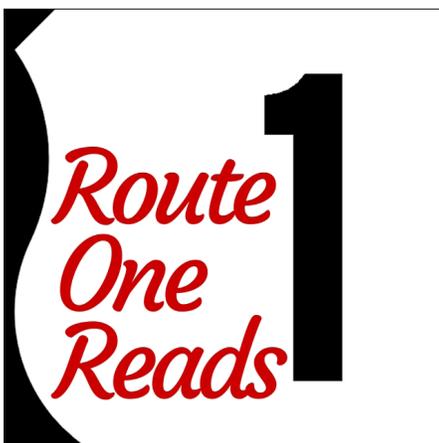
We are thrilled to welcome Sheila Dorsey!



## Center Participates in Route1Reads

The State Centers for the Book linked by US Route 1, which extends from Fort Kent, Maine, to Key West, Florida are joining together to promote books that illuminate important aspects of their states/commonwealths for readers traveling the major and meandering highway.

For 2015, The South Carolina



Center for the Book's Route1Reads is James E. McTeer's *Minnow*. *Minnow* was the winner of the 2014 South Carolina First Novel Competition. McTeer's novel was published by Hub City Press and made its debut at the South Carolina Book Festival in May 2015.

"*Minnow* is a gorgeous fever-dream of a novel," said competition judge Ben Fountain. "McTeer's story of a young boy's quest achieves a narrative drive and depth that are rare in any novel, much less a debut effort. *Minnow* picked me up by the scruff of the neck and carried me along as powerfully as a novel by Pat Conroy or Toni Morrison. Yeah, McTeer is that good. I look forward to many more novels by this excellent young writer."

Set in a fictional Beaufort County in the late 19th century, McTeer's novel "is a Lowcountry Heart of Darkness, evoking the work of Karen Russell," said Betsy Teter, editor of Hub City Press. "We are thrilled to publish the enigmatic story of *Minnow*, who ventures deep into the voodoo world of the South Carolina Sea Islands in search of a cure for his father's mysterious illness."

The full Route1Reads program was unveiled at National Book Festival on September 5, 2015. See the list of Route1Reads books at [Route1Reads.org](http://Route1Reads.org). Learn more about the South Carolina Center for the book at [readsc.org](http://readsc.org).

# Going Back to School with Discus SC's Virtual Library



## Discus

**BrainPOP, Jr. Access** - The Discus Office has received questions regarding the access to BrainPOP, Jr. Some people are confused by the little 'Login' box at the top right of the BrainPOP Jr. page, which we understand. If your students are accessing the resource in school, no login should be needed if your institution's current IP addresses are on file in our office. If the IP information is correct, your access should be seamless. Accessing BrainPOP, Jr. away from school may require the current Discus username and password. Call the Discus office for the 2015-2016 school year username and password at 803-734-8851 or email at [discusoffice@statelibrary.sc.gov](mailto:discusoffice@statelibrary.sc.gov).

**Discus Trainings** - the training schedule is really taking shape so be sure to check it out on the [Discus website](#). We are particularly excited about two onsite sessions at the State Library in Columbia scheduled for Thursday, October 15 and Friday, October 16. The trainings are open to South Carolina public, academic, and school librarians. These workshops will provide face-to-face training and cover the latest changes and enhancements to the Discus databases. Topics to be covered include: New AP video content, Explora Search Interface, Google Drive for Gale resources, CultureGrams new

design, new content in LearningExpress Library, and subject category updates in Credo Reference. The registration period is open and we encourage you to register early as seating is limited.

A second onsite training session, "Effective Management of Discus Resources" is currently being finalized for Wednesday, December 9 or Thursday, December 10. This training is targeted specifically to the staff member(s) at public and academic libraries who manage the Discus resources. Join us in Columbia for these one-day sessions explaining database usage statistics and customizations.

**Science Reference Center** is pleased to announce the inclusion of the Science Image Collection, a database of more than 280,000 high-quality science images from National Geographic, UPI, Getty, NASA and Nature Picture Library. This collection of images is a great addition if your students or instructors need high-quality images of wild animals, landscapes, and plant species from around the world.

**CultureGrams** has a new design and is available for mobile devices! CultureGrams, the resource for country reports, provides snapshots of the world's cultures and now

includes country infographics illustrating demographic characteristics of an average citizen. Use it on the go on your mobile device, in the classroom, or from home.

Do your native Spanish speakers, bilingual students, and students learning Spanish use **Escolar**? Escolar contains articles, multimedia, maps and more and is now broken into two levels of unique content - Primaria for elementary level learners and Secundaria for middle school level learners.

The Discus Office is pleased to offer another Britannica resource called **Enciclopedia Moderna**. This database is for older students and includes over 50,000 articles, 4,200 images, a dictionary, an atlas, and timelines. We're very excited about offering this resource to native Spanish speakers, bilingual students, and students learning Spanish.

For more information about Discus - SC's Virtual Library, please visit [scdiscus.org](http://scdiscus.org).

## SC State Library Talking Book Services named Employer of the Year

Talking Book Services was presented with the Employer of the Year award on August 22, 2015 at the National Federation of the Blind state convention. This award was given “in appreciation of [their] outstanding record of providing meaningful employment opportunities for blind South Carolinians.”

The National Federation of the Blind advocates for individuals with blindness and low vision, and as such, encourages equality and mutual respect. Embracing more than 50,000 members, the Federation also includes affiliates and local chapters from each



state. The South Carolina Chapter holds its convention every August. For more information about the

National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina, [please visit their website.](#)

## Center Announces 2015-2016 Fall/Winter Author Talks

The South Carolina State Library’s Center for the Book is pleased to announce its upcoming author line up for the Speaker @ the Center series.

Wednesday, September 23, 2015 - Bernie Schein, *Famous All Over Town*. Story River Books, USC Press.

Wednesday, October 14, 2015 - S. Jane Gari, *Losing the Dollhouse*. TouchPoint Press.

Wednesday, November 18, 2015 -

Ellen Malphrus, *Untying the Moon*. Story River Books, USC Press.

Wednesday, December 9, 2015 - Angela Williams, *Hush Now, Baby*. Texas Review Press.

Wednesday, January 20, 2015 - Elizabeth Cassidy West and Katharine Thompson, *On the Horseshoe: A Guide to the Historic Campus of the University of South Carolina*. USC Press.

Books will be available for purchase and signing. All programs will

take place from noon to 1:00 p.m. at the South Carolina State Library located at 1500 Senate St., Columbia. Speaker @ the Center is FREE and open to the public.

The South Carolina Center for the Book is an affiliate of the Library of Congress Center for the Book and is housed at the South Carolina State Library.

For more information about these events, please visit [readsc.org/events](http://readsc.org/events).



## In the News...

### ***New literary event Deckle Edge to pick up where S.C. Book Festival left off***

The South Carolina Book Festival is no more, but book lovers can rejoice as a group of Columbia literary aficionados have a new event in the works to promote the city's writing community. The collective, coordinated by local writer Darien Cavanaugh and Annie Boiter-Jolley of Jasper Magazine, will launch Deckle Edge, South Carolina's Literary Festival early next year. [Read more.](#)

### ***Amazon likely to announce new devices very soon***

Recent history suggests that Amazon is likely to announce new products soon, and it could happen as early as this upcoming week. [Read more.](#)

### ***In Washington D.C., vending machines dispense free children's books***

In southeast Washington D.C., JetBlue Airways is co-sponsoring an initiative to put vending machines stocked with children's books in a church, a grocery store, and a branch of the Salvation Army. [Read more.](#)

### ***Book Review: The Art of Secrets by James Klise***

High school sophomore Saba Khan, her parents, and her young brother Salman are at her school team tennis match when their apartment catches fire and they lose everything they

own. Saba and her family are not rich. Her parents came to the U.S. from Pakistan and are working hard to provide a good life for Saba and Salman, but her father earns a modest living working in a Chicago factory packing boxes. [Read more.](#)

### ***Fans of banned book 'Some Girls Are' donate hundreds of copies to Charleston library***

After an outcry from parents led West Ashley High School administrators to remove a young-adult novel from a freshman summer reading list, fans of the book responded by donating nearly 1,000 copies to the Charleston County Public Library. [Read more.](#)

### ***12 good resources for teaching digital citizenship***

As we head into the new school year and think about all of the new apps and sites we want to use with students, it's a good time to think about teaching digital citizenship. [Read more.](#)

### ***28 books that got you hooked on a new genre***

What book got you hooked on a new genre? Maybe you never liked Fantasy until you started reading A Game of Thrones, or you were a skeptic about YA until Rainbow Rowell stole your heart. [Read more.](#)

### ***The top 100 young adult books of all time***

These aren't books that your teachers told you to read. (Though there are a few of those in here, too!) No, this list is the Top 100 YA Books as determined by you, the Goodreads members who truly love YA literature. [Read more.](#)

### ***IMLS awards grants to OCLC***

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) recently awarded grants to OCLC, including two National Leadership Grants for Libraries and one Laura Bush 21st Century Grant. [Read more.](#)

### ***Forget the hardcovers: modern libraries offer 3-D printers, laser cutters***

Modern libraries are keeping up with the times and expanding way past books - to 3-D printers, laser cutters, robotics classes and much more. [Read more.](#)

### ***Family Place libraries hit a home run***

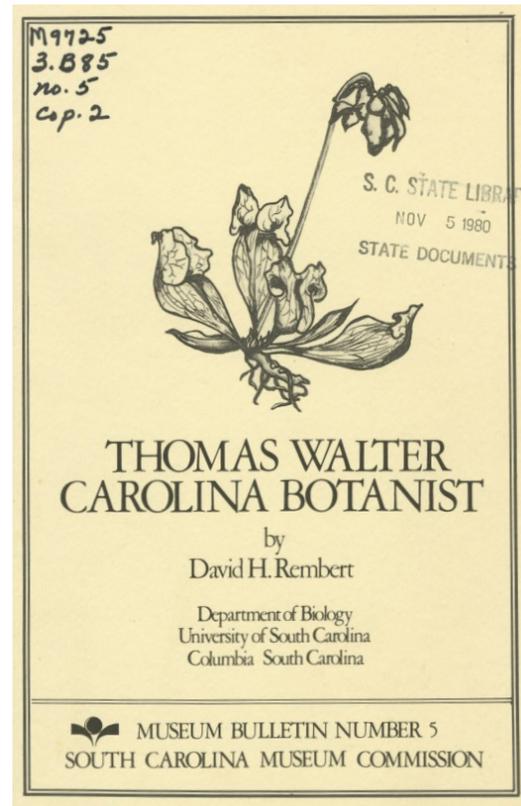
The Kalamazoo Public Library is one of 25 libraries participating in an IMLS National Leadership Grant, Family Place Libraries™: a Model for Institutional Change. Family Place Libraries™ is a tried-and-true library-based model for early learning and family support beginning at birth. [Read more.](#)

## South Carolina State Library Digital Collections Highlight

### *Thomas Walter, Carolina botanist*

This museum bulletin is a biography of Thomas Walter, a botanist from England who lived the last 20 years of his life in South Carolina and was author of the book *Flora Caroliniana*. The booklet also contains a list of 88 species of plants from the Carolinas that Walter first named and described in his *Flora*.

You can view this [document online](#).



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