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Free Training Sessions

Plan now to become more involved in elections and legislation in the New Year! Two new webinars are scheduled by the State Library to help alert citizens to voting procedures and to learn about proposed legislation in the SC General Assembly.

The first webinar, **Getting Ready for the Elections**, will be held on Monday, January 25 at 11:00 a.m. Are you registered? Do you know the candidates and issues? Will you vote absentee? Will you be able to answer questions of your neighbors and friends to help them be prepared? Join Elaine Sandberg, Information Services Librarian, as she explores the resources of scvotes.org, the website of the South Carolina

Election Commission to find just what you need to be prepared to vote! [Register for this webinar here.](#) If you would like attend the session in person at the State Library, contact Mrs. Sandberg for information at esandberg@statelibrary.sc.gov.

The second webinar, **Legislation Resources**, will be held on Monday, February 22 at 11:00 a.m. Are you interested in a particular issue that will come up in the General Assembly this year? Do you know how to contact your legislators before a crucial vote is taken? How will state budgets affect your county? Just how much money is really spent on education? Join Elaine Sandberg, Information Services Librarian as she explores some resources on the scstatehouse.gov site, the new scrfa.gov site and sccounties.org site that are freely available to help you learn about the legislation, the state budget and state spending, and resources to help keep track of important bills. [Register for this webinar here.](#)

See more events offered by the South Carolina State Library at statelibrary.sc.libcal.com.



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Hub City Announces Judge for 2016 South Carolina First Novel Prize

Submissions open on January 1, 2016 and the deadline is March 15, 2016. To learn more about the prize, including eligibility requirements and cost, [click here](#).

Hub City Press and the South Carolina Arts Commission announced today the judge for the 2016 South Carolina First Novel Prize. The contest will award \$1,000 and publication to the winner and be judged by novelist Bridgett M. Davis.

Bridgett M. Davis' second novel, *Into The Go-Slow*, was selected as a best book of 2014 by Salon, The San Francisco

Chronicle, BookRiot, Bustle and The Root, among others. Her debut novel, *Shifting Through Neutral*, published by Amistad/Harper Collins in 2004, was a finalist for the Zora Neale Hurston/Richard Wright Legacy Award and was featured in national media, including NPR's News & Notes. Time Out New York recently named Davis one of "10 New York Authors to Read Right Now."



ANNOUNCING

2016 SOUTH CAROLINA FIRST NOVEL PRIZE

ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS:
JANUARY 1, 2016

DEADLINE:
MARCH 15, 2016

JUDGE:
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Rural Library STEM Programming Grant Opportunity



The Califa Library Group is accepting applications for mini-grants to librarians in rural public libraries who are interested in providing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) programming for adults. Participating libraries will receive program materials, a planning guide, marketing and promotional templates, up to \$3,500, and an avenue for new patrons to find your library.

Communities will receive a series of engaging, thought-provoking programs and find another reason to love their local library! For more information, please visit califa.org/rural-gateways.



Featured Resource

The South Carolina State Library is dedicated to providing online access to several digital collections.

The Library's 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.

Visit the [Digital Collections section](#) to learn more!



Joann McMaster and Faye Wyatt (L-R), courtesy of the York County Library

Impact of Local Leadership

As the library's role in the community continues to change and evolve, *Columbia Business Monthly* has named Richland Library (Columbia, SC) Executive Director Melanie Huggins one of this year's 50 Most Influential People in the Midlands.

"I am honored and humbled to receive such a distinction, especially in my hometown," said Huggins.

Credited for her leadership in October 2015, Huggins opened Richland Library's doors 48 hours after flooding devastated neighborhoods in South Carolina, providing access to emergency resources and basic necessities. Staff volunteered to deliver water in some of the hardest hit areas as well as books, toys and computer access to shelters. In addition, three of Richland Library's locations transformed into FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers, connecting local residents to flooding assistance.

For questions, please contact Emily Stoll at 803-587-3637 or email estoll@richlandlibrary.com.



Friends of the York County Library Honors Volunteers

The Friends of the York County Library recently announced that Faye Wyatt is the 2015 recipient of the Joann W. McMaster Volunteer of the Year award at a reception to honor Friends of the Library volunteers. The award is named in honor of Joann McMaster, who helped found the Friends of the York County Library organization in 1975 and served as its first president. This year marks the 40th anniversary for the Friends

organization.

A Friends of the Library volunteer for more than five years, Faye has served as a Friends of the Library board member and volunteers on a weekly basis at the library. She has logged over 400 volunteer hours in 2015.

For more information on the Friends of the Library, visit www.yclibrary.org or call 803-981-5837.

Call for Proposals

The University of South Carolina Upstate Library will be holding a Transforming Librarians through Technology conference on May 5, 2016. They are looking for librarians and/or library science students to share how technology is transforming libraries and librarians. For more information, please visit uscupstate.libguides.com/transforminglibrarians.

Transforming Librarians

through technology



According to Director Jimmie Epling, "This is a great way for new South Carolina authors to get exposure to readers, publishers, and literary agents. Publishers and literary agents troll the Internet looking for self-published books that have the potential of becoming a best seller. SELF-e and IndieSC is one way the Library can help aspiring Darlington County writers realize their dream."



Darlington County Indie Authors and Aspiring Writers Can Now Get Published Online

The Darlington County Library System is happy to announce indie authors and aspiring writers can now get published! You now have a chance to get your work published electronically through a free system called SELF-e and have it included in a special collection of South Carolina authors called IndieSC.

The South Carolina State Library is the first state library in the country to make the SELF-e digital self-publishing platform available to all libraries and their customers in the state for free. Authors can upload their works for free to a SELF-e's online e-book collection called

IndieSC. Once the collection reaches forty books, the IndieSC collection will go live, allowing the Library's customers to read the ebooks on any device at any time. The works of some IndieSC and other indie project authors will be selected by *Library Journal* to become part of a unique library of indie published books available to libraries across the country.

If you are interested in getting your works published today, all you need to do is visit the [South Carolina State Library's SELF-e webpage](#) for more information and instructions on how to upload your book!

Learn More About Discus!

Do you need to brush up on Discus - South Carolina's Virtual Library resources? Check out [our training calendar](#) and register for sessions today! Many sessions are available online so you can learn more without having to leave your office.





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Newspapers in black and white.

In the News...

2016 Andrew Carnegie Medals

The American Library Association has selected *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen, published by Grove Press, an imprint of Grove Atlantic, as the winner of the 2016 Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction, and *Hold Still: A Memoir with Photographs* by Sally Mann, published by Little, Brown, and Company, Hachette Book Group, as the winner of the [2016 Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction](#).

De la Peña, Blackall win Newbery, Caldecott

The American Library Association on January 11 announced the top books, videos, and audiobooks for children and young adults—including the Caldecott, Coretta Scott King, Newbery, and Printz awards—at its Midwinter Meeting and Exhibits in Boston. You can see the full list of winners at americanlibraries.org.

France's Libraries Discovering a New Lease of Life Beyond Just Books - Seminars, events and cafes are helping some formerly staid institutions reinvent themselves as [social 'third spaces'](#) beyond work and the home.

Amazon Is Completely Changing Self-Publishing... Possibly How We Write Too! - When it comes to publishing in the 21st century, self-publishing is a hot issue. With modern technology and the Internet working in unison, writers no longer have to wait to get recognized. Now, by simply [uploading your story to a website](#), you can get paid for your work.

Don't Worry Too Much About Library Book Germs - When you go to the library for a book to read, I'll bet the notion that it might carry germs never even crosses your mind. But the truth is, [any object that people touch picks up germs](#)—especially objects that lots of people touch.

Can Mobile Reading Damage Your Health? - No, this isn't a scare story from diehard anti-ebook Luddites or tin-hat conspiracy theorists. According to a recent National Safety Council report aired on CBS News, up to 10 percent of U.S. emergency room admissions are now attributable to [distraction while walking](#).

Your fanfiction ebook could get you into trouble if it's too good - Copyright issues abound with unauthorized fanfiction. Your ebook or other effort derived from someone else's work might be even more of a legal risk if it's good. Here's a cautionary story about a fan of the Star Trek franchise. A fan-produced film is involved, not a book or short story, but the same ideas would apply. At first CBS seemed to be supportive. But now [the company has changed its tune](#) and is suing to have production stopped.

New Resources

The Library has recently purchased new titles for our South Carolina Collection. Both History Press and Arcadia Publishing have some interesting books with historic photos or “post cards” throughout these popular items.

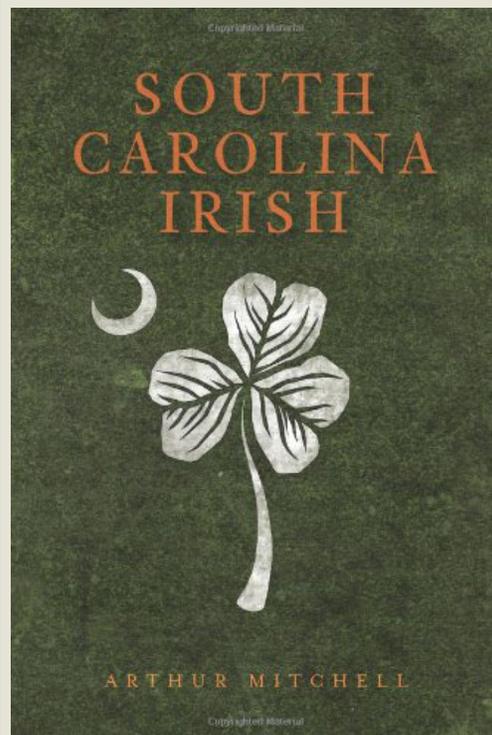
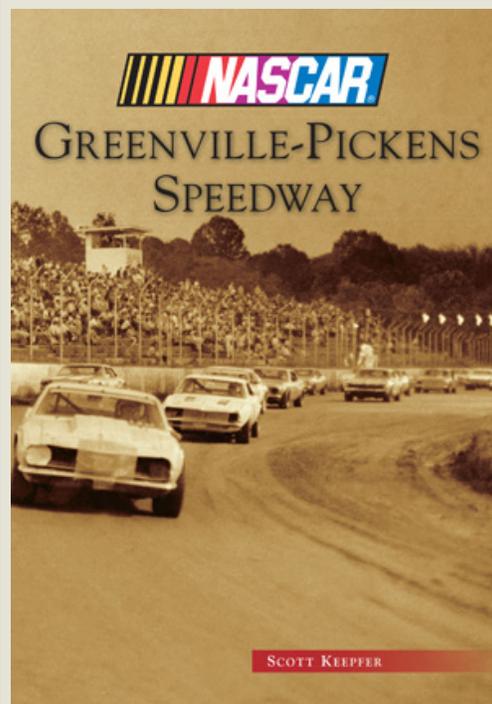
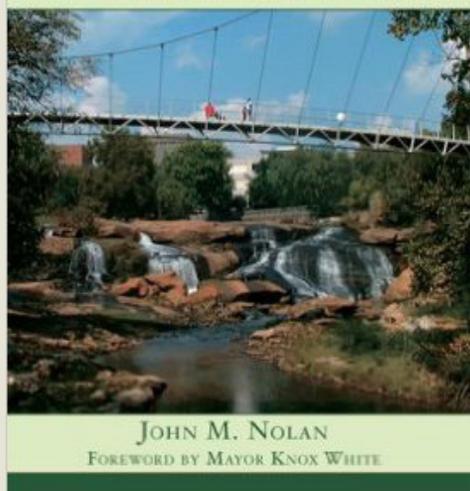
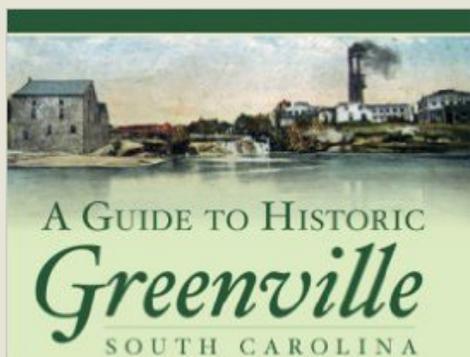
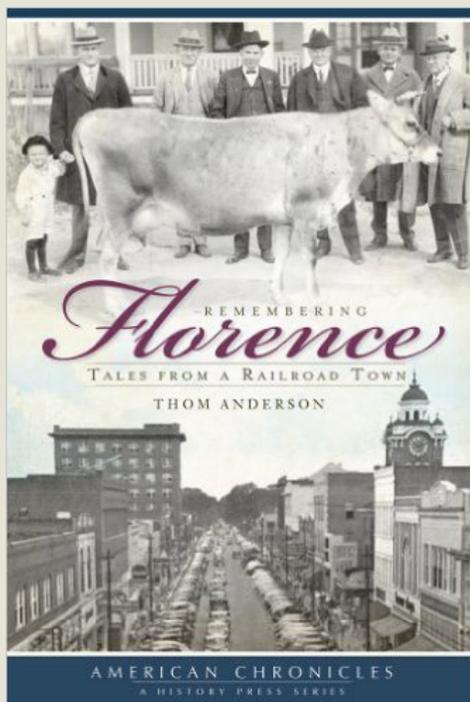
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Do you have a specific research need? Please feel free to give us a call or email us your question and we'll be happy to assist you.

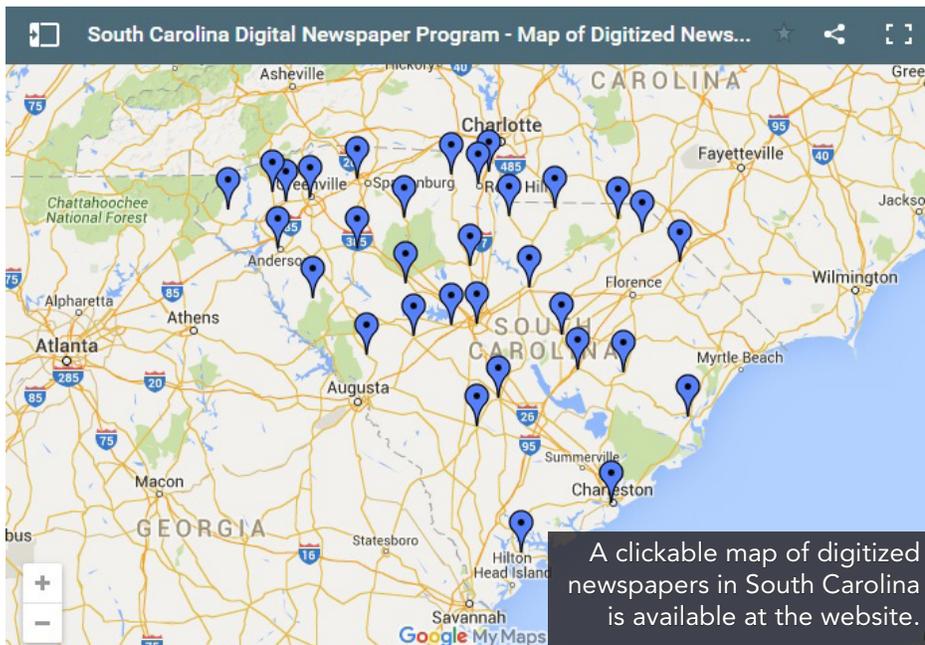
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The South Carolina State Library develops, supports, and sustains a thriving statewide community of learners committed to making South Carolina stronger.



Books published by History Press and Arcadia Publishing.



South Carolina from the dropdown list of States, and choose African American from the dropdown list for Ethnicity.

Program Resources

Search millions of pages of America's historic newspapers pages in *Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers*, including more than 100 South Carolina newspapers dating from 1836-1922. You can also [browse the most up-to-date list of South Carolina Newspapers](#) in *Chronicling America* by selecting the All Digitized Newspapers tab on the *Chronicling America* homepage and selecting South Carolina from the list of States.

Check Out the SC Digital Newspapers Program

Even though the grant funding for the [South Carolina Digital Newspaper Program](#) (SCDNP) has ended, there is a wealth of information available at the program's website.

The SCDNP, at the University of South Carolina Libraries, a participant in the [National Digital Newspaper Program](#), has digitized more than 100 historical South Carolina newspaper titles and contributed over 300,000 newspaper pages to the program since 2009.

These digitized newspapers are freely available and full text searchable in [Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers](#). Explore our website to learn more about our program and what newspapers are currently available in *Chronicling America*.

The SCDNP is one of

many state programs that has participated in the National Digital Newspaper Program, a national effort to preserve America's historical newspapers, made possible by generous grant funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities and with support of the Library of Congress.

To see the [complete list of digitized South Carolina newspapers](#), visit *Chronicling America* and select the tab for All Digitized Newspapers 1836-1922. Then choose South Carolina from the dropdown list of States and select the Go Button.

To view a list of [ten rare digitized African American newspapers](#) published in South Carolina between 1865 and 1922, select the tab for All Digitized Newspapers 1836-1922, choose

SCDNP Blog

Learn the latest details from SCDNP, including progress reports, commentaries on uploaded materials, and other interesting stories related to historic newspapers in South Carolina on the [SCDNP blog](#) hosted by the University of South Carolina Libraries Digital Collections department.

SCDNP Topic Guides

Delve into the rich content of historical South Carolina newspapers in this [SCDNP LibGuide](#). Here you will find topics guides with interesting historical news articles, images, and headlines that we have already found for you, as well as Important Dates, Suggested Search Terms and Strategies. Also, view a cool timeline featuring our favorite examples of historical S.C. newspaper articles.

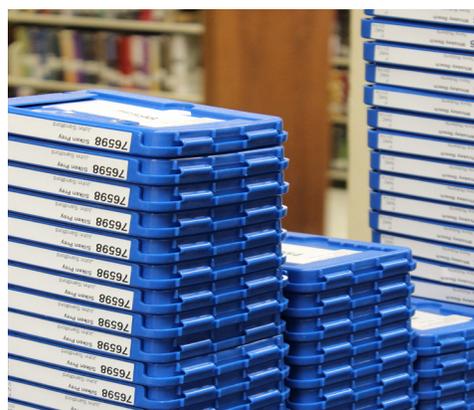
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In 1969, as the result of action by the General Assembly, the State Library Board was redesignated as the South Carolina State Library and assumed responsibility for public library development, library service for state institutions, service for the blind and physically handicapped, and library service to state government agencies. Headquartered in Columbia, S.C., the Library is funded by the state of South Carolina, by the federal government through the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and other sources.

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