

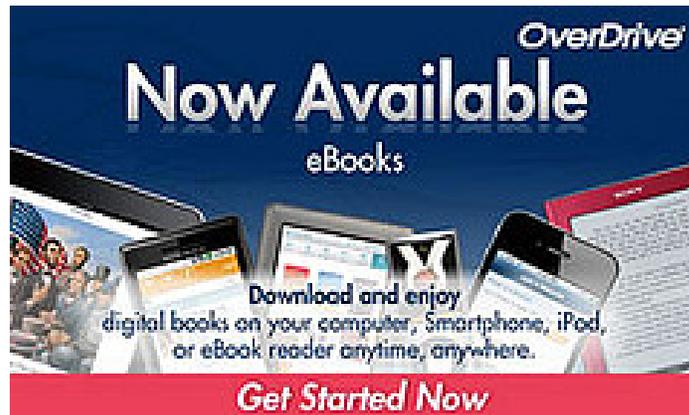


New eBook Collection for Libraries

The South Carolina State Library has expanded its OverDrive eBook collection to include library and information science titles. South Carolina library staff members may use their library's borrower ID to check out and download titles from this collection by visiting scstatelibrary.lib.overdrive.com.

To read eBooks, users will be prompted to download Adobe® Digital Editions. Titles can be enjoyed immediately or transferred to a variety of devices, including iPod®, Sony® Reader™, and many others. Titles will automatically expire at the end of the lending period.

According to State Library Director of the Division of Information Strategies, Nancy Rosenwald, "The



addition of this new, free professional eBook collection offers libraries across the state greater access to library and information science titles 24/7. Our eBook collection provides continuing education resources and broader access to research in the fields of library and information science, as well as information technology and management. By using this growing collection, libraries will be able to support on-going staff education with the newest publications while supplementing their

own collections with ours. Using our eBook collection will also provide library staff the downloadable eBook experience requested by so many of their patrons."

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Director's Corner

Looking back over 2011

2011 was an intense year. We went through many changes, accomplished much, and experienced significant pain. I am as proud of this staff and this organization as any I have ever been privileged to work with.

We began the year with 6% budget cut which extending our total cuts since 2008 to 45%. Staff were required to take furlough days and for the first time we actually had to lay off one of our long time staff members. We also lost a position to attrition. We experienced the passing of one our team mates, Larry Keisler. He is greatly missed. Two of our colleagues were out on extended medical leave. The staff was able to keep it together as the professionals they are and continued to deliver services at a highly professional level.

Pam Davenport, Director of Talking Book Services left the State Library for a position as a network consultant in the National Library Service of the Library of Congress. We are very proud of Pam's achievement. Janell Eades was named Outstanding Library Paraprofessional of the year by the South Carolina Library Association. Our staff is committed to excellence. I have mentioned Pam

Davenport's leaving and Larry Kreisler's passing. It took months to replace these two individuals which put extra pressure on the Talking Book Services staff. There were no complaints or whining. They carried on and provided excellent service. It was a great example of grit and commitment.

Some innovations took a strange turn. Ed O'Neill (IT Dept.) found a way to save the State Library nearly a thousand dollars by researching and implementing a recovery process that included baking printer main circuit boards in the oven.

Rogan Hamby was named a Mover and a Shaker by ALA and garnered recognition nationally for his expertise in the Evergreen open source software initiative. Rogan is one of Two ALA Movers and Shakers on our staff. Denise Lyon was designated a Mover and Shaker in 2010.

The staff was involved in a number of projects outside the library. Faith Keller served on the LIBRIS Conference Planning Committee. The LIBRIS Conference is one of the most highly respected conferences in our library community. Curtis Rogers worked with the South Carolina Book Festival, the SC Academy of Authors, the Digital News Paper Project and is nationally respected for his annual survey on the use of social

media in libraries. Our DISCUS service continues to grow with more than 13 million full text retrievals last year which is a direct result of the excellent training provided by Ruth Thompson and Amy Duernberger. Our WorkSC.org website served as inspiration for the Department of Employment and Workforce's SCWorks.org website and New Jersey's NJWorks.org. That website had 40,941 unique visitors from 92 countries and all 50 states. Rob Lindsey's work on our web presence is directly responsible for the use of these sites. 630,385 unique visitors accessed our DISCUS website.

I am sure I have missed naming great work carried on by other members of our staff, but many of them are the types who don't care to blow their own horns. I apologize profusely to anyone on the staff for missing their contribution.

The staff is not only professionally competent and passionately committed, but they are also committed. This year the State Library achieved 100% participation in the United Way Campaign.

I am honored to be a member of this staff and Director of this organization.

Sincerely,
David S. Goble

DISCUS—South Carolina’s Virtual Library Undergoing Evaluation

by Amy Duernberger

DISCUS – South Carolina’s Virtual Library is a statewide program coordinated by the State Library to provide a collection of electronic resources for use by all South Carolinians. The resources are available through public libraries, college and university libraries, and most K-12 schools in the state.

As with any library collection, whether print or electronic, the DISCUS resources must be examined periodically to ensure that they meet the needs of those who use them. Beginning in

May 2011, an evaluation project was launched to determine the information needs of DISCUS users and to explore a possible re-mix of products to provide the best set of resources for the dollars available. The evaluation project included a review of the resources that are currently provided by DISCUS as well as exploration of many other products available in the market.

After evaluating all the feedback, the DISCUS Database Assessment Committee has met and recommended several

possible combinations of resources for DISCUS. The State Library is in the process of finalizing the evaluation project. Resources selected for inclusion in the DISCUS collection will be licensed and available on July 1, 2012. Watch for further exciting announcements to come!



Have an idea for a webinar?
Let us know!
Contact Curtis Rogers crogers@statelibrary.sc.gov with
your ideas today.



2011 Outstanding Librarian—Deborah Harris



Deborah Harris, Charleston County Public Library—Otranto Road Regional Library Branch Manager

Deborah Rollerson Harris, employed with the Charleston County Public Library as the Branch Manager for the Otranto Road Regional Library was named recently the Outstanding Librarian of the Year by the [South Carolina Library Association](#) (SCLA).

The Outstanding Librarian of the Year Award is presented each year to a librarian who has initiated or developed an imaginative or creative program, service, or work of enduring value, for the effective use of or increased interest in libraries or a particular library. Harris was nominated for this honor by the entire staff of her branch. In their nomination, the staff praised her as an “exemplary, compassionate, and visionary leader”, who inspires them to excel. They praised her communication and organizational skills, her leadership and commitment to the community.

The nomination highlighted her efforts as a branch manager, she is the longest

serving branch manager of one of the four original Regional facilities that opened in 1992, her ability to oversee the branch’s renovation in 2007, her efforts as a professional mentor to new branch managers, and her role on numerous community and library committees. One key highlight was Harris’ leadership, with the help of her staff, to open the only Employment and Career Center within a branch library in South Carolina. The Center opened in February after recognizing the branch was facing an increased demand from job-seeking customers. Harris was able to obtain administrative approval to create an area with job and career related resources, dedicated computers for job searches. The Center also offers fax and scanner services. Since the Center opened, the computers in this area have been used nearly 2400 times, the fax service used 300 times, and the scanner nearly 400 times. The fifteen other available computers with Internet access at the Otranto Branch have had more

than 35,000 uses for the year.

Harris was surprised, but honored to be librarian of the year. She said she is humbled because she is being recognized for doing what she loves. “I am fortunate to have such an outstanding staff. They are the ones who make it happen.”

The Award was presented to her at the annual South Carolina Library Association Conference held at the North Charleston Convention Center by Rayburne J. Turner, Immediate Past SCLA President, and Reference Services Manager at the Otranto Road Regional Library. Turner stated that “Harris’ demeanor exemplifies professionalism, precision, order and accuracy. She has a willingness to go the extra mile for her branch, the success of area libraries, and the Charleston County Public Library System as a whole. I proudly introduced my mentor as the recipient of this prestigious award.” Turner was the 2007 recipient of the Outstanding Librarian

Award.

Doug Henderson, Executive Director for Charleston County Public Library said the highlight of the conference was the

announcement that Otranto Road Regional Manager, Deborah Harris, was selected as S. C. Outstanding Librarian of the Year. We're very proud of Deborah.



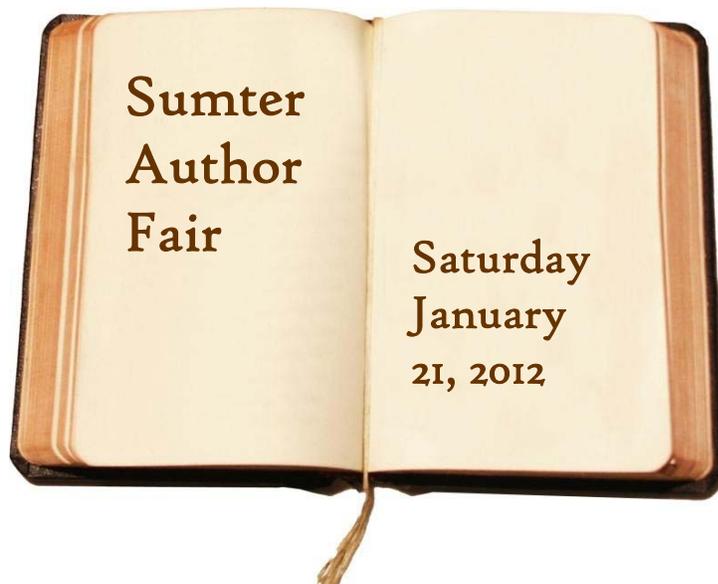
Sumter County Library has Community at Heart

People write for many reasons; to feel or simply put their ideas out into the world for others to grasp and improve their lives. Sumter County and the surrounding area contain a fair share of these writers. On Saturday, January 21st, local authors will display and share their published works at the 2012 [Sumter County Library](#) Local Author Fair. Authors will be available to discuss, sign and sell their books to the public from 3 to 5pm in the Main Meeting Room of the Main Library. We invite everyone to come out and support our local authors.

In addition to our Local Author Fair, the Sumter County Library features free computer classes at both Main and Wesmark libraries. Classes include

Computer Basics, Keyboarding, E-Mail, Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Genealogy. These classes grow in popularity year-round and have been attended by over 950 people in 2011 alone. The library also offers free one-on-one job search and resume assistance sessions for those who need to create a resume that will land a job to help support their families. Also, the library offers a multitude of programs including an E-Reader program, a Financial Wellness program and more. We are working very diligently to meet the needs of the Sumter community and we will continue to do so throughout the year!

For more information, contact Ford Simmons at 803.773.7273 or simmonsf@spiritcom.net.



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Berkeley County Library Awarded \$500,000

Berkeley County was recently awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), a state program funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The award of \$500,000 is to move the St. Stephen Library from its current leased location to a newly renovated building, the former St. Stephen Elementary School built in the 1930's, located near the corner of Hwy. 52 and State Road 45 intersection.

The current library has outgrown its 1,984 square feet. There is no room for additional materials, additional computers or additional seating. Service to library customers in the area is and has been inadequate for a number of years due to space

constraints. The new location will have approximately 5,000 square feet, allowing space for additional computers, more seating areas and separate child and teen areas. The new facility will have a meeting room separate from the library's public area allowing for more programming and computer classes.

Donna Osborne, Director of the [Berkeley County Library System](#), commented, "By renovating the existing St. Stephen town building, the old St. Stephen Elementary School, a historic landmark to many of its citizens, the library will serve as an anchor for the community. The meeting room will serve as a community gathering place, as a technology training lab, a family literacy site and a place to begin or

continue one's education." She continued, "Since 2007, the number of active library card holders, computer users, library visits, and items checked out has nearly doubled. Three staff members accomplished this despite the six parking spaces (one of which is a handicapped space) the staff and public shared. I am excited about the facility and the expanded service to the community."

The St. Stephen Library is the northernmost library branch in the county and is used by people from several small communities in the surrounding areas.

For more information, contact Donna Osborne at 843-719-4223 or dosborne@berkeley.lib.sc.us.



Berkeley County Library System

Chester Announces New Director

After a deliberative search process including review of over 13 applicants, the Board of Directors of the [Chester County Library](#) is excited to announce the selection of a new Library Director.

Luanne James comes to Chester County from Stallings, NC and formerly Brownsville, TX where she was the Director for the Brownsville County Public Library system. Ms. James has her Masters in Library Science from the University of North Texas and is near completion of her PhD. She comes to the position with extensive experience in public

library work, much of it at the director or regional director level.

Ms. James is enthusiastic about the opportunity in Chester County and brings a wealth of experience that the Board believes is essential to moving the Library forward. "I feel very fortunate and blessed to be part of such a wonderful community. I am really looking forward to working with everyone and promise to serve our patrons to the best of my ability" said Ms. James.

The Library has been without a full time Director since May of 2011. "The Board is very grateful to the staff and

interim Director, Tally Johnson, for stepping up and working together. Their hard work has fostered continued excellence and ensured the quality of library services was befitting a level our community deserves," said Chris Winters, Board Chair. "After an exhaustive search through a pool of very talented candidates, the Board is excited to welcome Ms. James and look to continuous improvement to the library services across the county."

For more information, contact the Chester County Library at 803-377-8145 or visit <http://www.chesterlibsc.org>.



Abbeville Holds Groundbreaking

Abbeville County held its groundbreaking for two new buildings on Saturday, December 10: The new Abbeville County Library and the new Abbeville Administrative Complex.

The buildings are being designed by DesignSouth of Anderson, South Carolina. Both projects will be completed by December 2012.

Speakers at the groundbreaking included Shirley Emden, library board chair, and Paul Agnew, member of the SC House of Representatives, as well as several members of the Abbeville County Council.

The new library will be three times as large as the current facility, with increased accessibility and parking. A larger

children's area, a larger computer area, a teen space, and individual study rooms will improve services to the community.

For more information, contact Mary Elizabeth Land, Director, 864-459-4009 or director@abbevillecounty.org.



Richland County Awarded \$1.6 Million

The Richland County Public Library broke ground on a \$1.6 million renovation and expansion of its Eastover Branch, which originally opened in 1985, on December 7. The library facility, the first LEED certified county-owned/municipal building in Richland County, is expected to be completed in October 2012.

A \$500,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, covers a substantial portion of the project. The remaining costs are covered by matching capital funds from Richland County.

The expansion and renovation will allow for:

- Expanded operating hours, additional

computers and enhanced services.

- Double the space for the children’s collection and increased space for children’s programs.
- A meeting room for programs and use by community groups.
- A new area that promotes the rich history of Eastover.

In the last year, the number of people visiting the Eastover library has increased 38 percent, and the number of items checked out has increased 58 percent. During construction, the library will operate from a portable building on the current library site. Library hours and services will remain the same, including wireless access and book returns.

“Libraries today offer services and technologies that help residents find jobs, improve their skills, and support the educational and entertainment needs of their families,” said Melanie Huggins, RCPL’s Executive Director. “With support from the USDA—matched by that of Richland County—the residents of Eastover will have the library they deserve.”

RCPL and the City of Denmark are the two South Carolina recipients for the Recovery Act support, an effort that awarded funds to 129 rural communities in 30 states.

“This library is getting over half of our state’s normal annual allocation for rural funding projects, thanks to the Recovery Act funds,” said Jesse Risher, community facilities program director with the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Rural Development office in Columbia.

We believe in the impact of public libraries, and know they are the heart of the community, Risher said as he held up his own Richland County Public Library card and professed to be a frequent visitor to the library.

“Libraries are the centerpiece of rural community life, but in many cases they need additional funding to provide rural residents with computer access, modern equipment and new training and educational opportunities,” U.S. Agriculture Secretary

Photo: Breaking ground on RCPL’s Eastover Branch Renovation are RCPL Board Member John Baker; Richland County Councilman Kelvin Washington; Eastover Mayor Lee Faber; RCPL Board Chair Kirby Shealy; USDA’s Jesse Risher; and RCPL Executive Director Melanie Huggins.



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Tom Vilsack said. "These Recovery Act investments in our nation's libraries will serve rural America for generations to come."

The \$15 million in Recovery Act funding is being provided through USDA Rural Development's Community Facilities Program. It will be combined with \$10.2 million from other sources. Funding of

each loan and grant is contingent upon the recipient meeting the conditions of the agreement. For a complete list of projects, visit http://www.usda.gov/documents/Library_Projects.pdf. Altogether, 190 libraries across the country have benefited from Recovery Act funding.

The Eastover Branch of RCPL is one of 11

library locations throughout Richland County. For more information, visit www.myRCPL.com.

State Library Welcomes New TBS Director

The South Carolina State Library is pleased to announce Sandy Knowles as the new director of [Talking Book Services](#). Knowles replaces Pamela Davenport, now at the National Library Service for the Blind, and will begin on January 3, 2012.

Knowles was born and grew up in Columbia, S.C. and graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor's degree in English and a Masters in Library Science. Her first professional position was with the Anderson County Library in Anderson, S.C.

Knowles is an avid reader of fiction, primarily mysteries. She is also an amateur artist and her favorite medium is clay. She learned ceramics in Asheville, N.C. and has had the opportunity to teach others and sell her work in galleries.

Knowles has also worked at the Patrick B. Harris Psychiatric Hospital, Anderson, S.C., the University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Columbia, S.C., Henderson County Public Library, Hendersonville, N.C., and the Norfolk Public Library, Norfolk, V.A.

The State Library's

Talking Book Services (TBS) is a free service to South Carolinians of all ages who are unable to read standard print material due to visual, physical or learning disabilities whether permanent or temporary. TBS provides audio, Braille and large-print books and magazines.

For more information about the State Library's Talking Book Services, please visit www.statelibrary.sc.gov/tbs.



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SCLA Poster Session Awards

The [South Carolina Library Association](#) (SCLA) recently announced the winners of two poster session competitions held at the 2011 SCLA annual conference in North Charleston. All of the poster sessions were highly successful and all received multiple votes.

Winner of the Viewer's Choice Award –
Charlotte Johnston,
Joanne Gabler,
Wanda Brown,

and Michaela Wiesner, Dorchester County Library and Harvin Clarendon County Library: Bright Beginnings at the Library Early Literacy Program. Presenters discussed how to create literacy kits, the logistics of circulating kits, and workshops conducted for parents and teachers that accompany the program. Samples of daycare kits were demonstrated.

Winner of the Student Spotlight Competition –
Jessica Short and
Amanda Mays,

University of South Carolina School of Library and Information Science: Native American Information Needs at the University of South Carolina: Improving Student Success with Diversity Initiatives.

Winning poster session presenters will receive a paid membership in the South Carolina Library Association for 2012.

For more information, visit the SCLA web site at www.scla.org.



Cherokee County Library Friends Celebrate

On November 3, 2011, the [Cherokee County Public Library](#) held its annual "Coffee with Friends". This unique breakfast event honors the Friends of the

Library and the wonderful support the organization provides to the library. Around 40 Friends attended, giving the library staff the opportunity to personally thank them for their efforts. After enjoying the food and fellowship, each Friend was given a library bag, datebook, and pen.

For many years, Friends volunteers have staffed the Caldwell House, a bookstore that is very popular with the public and generates additional funds for the library. This past year,

the Friends gave over \$10,000 to the library for programs and materials. Friends monies have also helped with landscaping and library equipment purchases. Their hard work and dedication to the library is evident in all they do, and is very much appreciated by the library staff, board, and patrons.



McCormick Library Awarded \$15,000

The Dr Pepper Snapple Group and national non-profit KaBOOM! have awarded the [McCormick County Library](#) a \$15,000 Let's Play Playground Construction grant.

The grants are part of the first Let's Play initiative introduced in November of last year – a \$15 million, three-year commitment from Dr. Pepper Snapple Group to KaBOOM!, the national non-profit saving play by ensuring there is a great place to play within walking distance of every child. Together through Let's Play, Dr Pepper Snapple Group and KaBOOM! will build or improve 2,000 playgrounds by the end of 2013, benefiting an estimated five million children across North America.

The McCormick County Library submitted a grant application to Dr Pepper Snapple Group and KaBOOM! in October and was one of 35 organizations to receive a grant from a pool of hundreds of applicants.

The grant will be used toward the purchase of playground equipment in the new park being constructed at the library. Fundraising for this playground is ongoing and the library hopes to soon reach its goal. The library has pursued the playground project in order to attract more young children and their families into the library, make the best use of its existing property, and provide a much needed community space.

Consumers are encouraged to visit Let's Play on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/letsplay> to join the conversation and learn how to apply for grants.

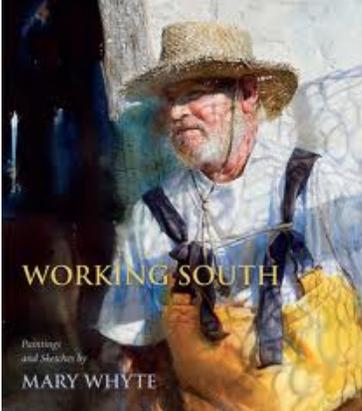
For more information about the McCormick County Library, visit <http://mccormickcountylibrary.org/>.

For more information about the grant, contact Paul Brown, McCormick County Library, 864-852-2821 mccormicklibrary@hotmail.com.



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Mary Whyte to Appear in Florence



Watercolor artist Mary Whyte is an author whose figurative paintings have earned national recognition. Her portraits are included in numerous corporate, private, and university collections, as well as paintings that have been featured in *International Artist*, *Artist*, *American Artist and Watercolor*, *American Art Collector*, *L'Art de Aquarelle*, along with numerous other publications. "Mary Whyte is the artist of record of a changing world . . . a world she's captured in a style all her own." Martha Teichner *Interviews from CBS Sunday Morning*.

In her latest book, *Working South*, renowned watercolorist Mary Whyte captures, in

exquisite detail, the essence of vanishing blue-collar professions from across ten states in the American South while showing sensitivity and reverence for her subjects. From the textile mill worker and tobacco farmer to the sponge diver and elevator operator, Whyte has sought out some of the last remnants of rural and industrial workforces declining or altogether lost through changes in our economy, environment, technology, and fashion. She shows us a shoeshine man, hat maker, oyster-man, shrimper, ferryman, funeral band, and others to document that these workers existed in a bygone era and were once ubiquitous across the region.

"When a person works with little audience and few accolades, a truer portrait of the character is revealed," explains Whyte in her introduction. As a genre painter with skills and intuition honed through years of practice and toil, she shares much in common with the dedication and character of her hardscrabble subjects. Her vibrant paintings are populated by men and women,

young and old, black and white, to document the range of southerners whose everyday labors go unheralded while keeping the South in business. By rendering these workers amid scenes of their rough-hewn lives, Whyte shares stories of the grace, strength, and dignity exemplified in these images of fading southern ways of life and livelihood.

Her work can be found at Coleman Fine Art in Charleston where her husband, Smith Coleman, manages the gallery and makes gilded and carved frames. They are residents of Johns Island, South Carolina.

Free and Open to the public. Ms. Whyte will speak and sign books after the presentation. Friends of Florence County Library or Florence Museum members will have a discount for book purchase.

For more information visit the [Florence County Library web site](#).

Date: Sunday, January 29, 2012
Event Title: Friends of Florence County Library and Florence Museum Present Mary Whyte, author of *Working South, Painting and Sketches*
Location: Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation Library, 509 South Dargan Street, Florence, SC 29506—Joe Stukes Meeting Room
Phone: 843 413-7064
Time: 3:00 PM

Clemson University Recognizes Retirees

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A big congratulations and shout out to recent 2011 retirees of the [Clemson University Libraries](#). After many years of dedicated and distinguished service, we bid these fine folks farewell and salute their respective longtime contributions to the people of South Carolina.

Elizabeth J. "Betty" Cook: Print Facility Manager, Emery A. Gunnin Architecture Library with 28 years of service. Betty is a Paraprofessional of the Year awardee of the South Carolina Library Association and was

Clemson Libraries Classified Employee of the Year in 2000.

E. Jens Holley: Head of Resource Sharing and Chair of the Library Department with 19 years of service at Clemson and 31 ½ years of service to the State of South Carolina. Jens is a founder and charter member of the Delta Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at Clemson University and also recently was recognized with and awarded an Honorary Lifetime Membership in the South Carolina Library Association.

Rhonda Patton: ILL Lending Specialist, with 32 years of service. Rhonda was Clemson

Libraries Classified Employee of the Year in 1991.

Sheryle Place: Circulation Assistant with 18 years of service and who earlier served in Reserves/Media.

Lauren E. Young: Records Analyst in Records Management with 31 years of service. Lauren was recognized by the South Carolina Department of Archives and History Award of Excellence in 2001 and awarded the South Carolina Public Records Association Lindy Smith Distinguished Service Award in 2005.



Elizabeth J. "Betty" Cook



E. Jens Holley



Rhonda Patton



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Lake City Library Partnership

Lake City Library partnership with the Benefit Bank of South Carolina draws over \$1 million in benefits for the community.

The [Florence County Library System](#), in partnership with The Benefit Bank of South Carolina, has had tremendous success over the past year in bringing benefits and work supports to the underserved populations of Florence County. The pilot project at the Lake City Library has been extremely successful and we are now expanding the project to the remaining five branches of the library system. In total, the applications submitted have an estimated annual value of \$1,554,328 to the families served.

Of the 594 applications that were filed using The Benefit Bank, the Lake City Library handled 79%. This is largely in part thanks to a grant from Darla Moore in order to station a part-time Benefit Bank

Counselor at the library. There were 186 SNAP and ESAP (food stamp) applications completed (\$393,671), 206 health applications (\$836,914), and 194 tax and FAFSA applications which were valued at \$323,743. Using the calculations accepted by USDA Food and Nutrition Service, the \$393,671 in SNAP amounts to \$708,608 in benefits to the local economy. Health benefits generate \$3.15 in economic activity for every Medicaid dollar spent totalling \$2,636,279 in Florence County from The Benefit Bank of South Carolina. Those two categories add a potential economic boost of over \$3.3 million to the Florence County economy.

Lake City has expanded its outreach efforts to the Lake City Hospital and the school district in the hope of assisting more people with collecting the benefits they qualify for. The Benefit Bank of South Carolina continues to expand

their outreach as well. They are committed to find and enroll 6,000 children (0-19) in the children's health insurance program and are committed to find and enroll seniors in the Low Income Subsidy (LIS) Prescription Help Program through a contract with the Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging. The Benefit Bank also recently received a CHIPRA Technology Grant in order to move the Department of Health and Human Services to electronic application submission.

For more information about The Benefit Bank of South Carolina, please visit www.thebenefitbank.com.

For more information, contact Ray McBride, Library Director., RMcBride@florencelibrary.org or 843-413-7077



Oconee Announces New Director

The Board of Trustees of the [Oconee County Public Library](#) (OCPL) system announces the appointment of Philip Cheney as its new director, replacing retiring director Sue Baldwin.

“Philip’s skills and experience are a perfect fit for Oconee,” said W.R. “Biff” Kennedy, chairman of the OCPL board. “And, it’s always a plus when you can promote from within.”

As director, Cheney will be responsible for the Oconee County library system, including personnel and financial matters. He will work with the OCPL board to improve information technology systems, increase material acquisition and communicate library vision and services to

Oconee citizens. He will begin his duties in January.

Cheney, an OCPL employee since 2007, most recently supervised the three branch libraries as well as the bookmobile. Prior to his Oconee experience, he was on the City Council of Anderson and served as head of Public Services of the Anderson County Library. He holds a bachelor’s degree in English from Saint Andrews Presbyterian College and a Masters of Library Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The Oconee system includes library branches in Salem, Seneca,

Walhalla, and Westminster and the bookmobile that serves the more rural areas of the county. In addition to its role in lending books, OCPL offers free Wi-Fi and computer access at all branches as well as popular year-round children and youth programs. OCPL’s mission is to connect the county’s diverse communities with information resources that enrich, enlighten and entertain.

For additional information, please contact Biff Kennedy at kennedy5220@Bellsouth.net or 864-882-1477 or Philip Cheney at pcheney@oconeesc.com or 864-638-4133.



Dorchester Hosts Tech Zoo

[Dorchester County Library](#) hosted a Technology Petting Zoo at both branches Thursday, December 15th. A morning session was held in St. George and an afternoon event was held in Summerville. The featured items were iPads, eReaders and MP3 players provided by

the SC State Library. Patrons got to see first-hand how the devices operated and could ask questions about how to use them with library resources. The event highlighted downloadable e-resources provided by the library.



News from the Anderson County Library



ACL's Head of IT, Lynn Floyd, poses with her collection of balloon creations

October was "Party Time!" in the [Anderson County Library System](#) this year. The library hosted its second annual Festival Español on Saturday, Oct. 15, moving right into the Friends of the Anderson County Library's 7th annual Starburst Storytellers' Festival which featured popular children's book author Carmen Deedy the next day.



Storyteller Joshua Safford entertains school children during the Anderson County Library's Starburst Storytellers' Festival.

Over 100 children and their parents celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month by making the yarn craft "Los Ojos de Dios" and soda bottle maracas. Volunteer students from nearby Anderson University provided their face painting skills, as well as helping out where needed. The library's Head of IT, Lynn Floyd, amazed one and all with her shaping of balloons into animals, swords, and flower-topped hats.

The Children's Dept. presented a story time and a black box puppet presentation of *Juan*

Bobo and the Pig. Ballet Folklorico Internacional de Greenville also presented four programs throughout the day, featuring dances from Mexico and Latin and South Americas. In November the Children's Dept. inaugurated a bilingual English/Spanish story time each Monday afternoon at the Main Library.

The Hispanic theme continued the next day with the opening of the Starburst Storytellers' Festival. Cuban-born Carmen Deedy had audience members laughing until they cried as she told of various exploits she got mixed up in as she was growing up in Decatur, GA. She followed the performance with a book signing and a workshop for aspiring storytellers.

The Starburst Festival is a week-long celebration of storytelling. Tellers from around the country spend their days performing in area schools and telling at the Main Library in the evenings. This year Donna Marie Todd (Black Mountain, North Carolina), Kerry Grombacher (New Orleans, Louisiana, and Joshua Safford (Chicago, Illinois)

performed for school children throughout Anderson Area School Districts One and Four. Hawk Hurst (Charleston, SC) was the teller-in-residence at Anderson University, presenting two or more programs each day for students bused to the campus from schools in District Five. Over 5,000 students enjoyed the tellers' talents throughout the week.

EMPLOYEE NEWS: Longtime library employee **Laurie King** retired in November after 28 years of service. Though she assisted in the Reference Dept. early in her career, Laurie was a regular in the Children's Dept.

A resident of Belton, Laurie joined the library staff in 1983. A graduate of Limestone College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology, she also received an associate degree in liberal arts from Anderson College (now University) and Pre-Professional Librarian Certification from the South Carolina State Library Board.

Karen Newton, Community Services assistant, was recently named the liaison from

the Tri-County Assoc. of Volunteer Administrators to the South Carolina Assoc. of Volunteer Administrators. Karen coordinates the Friends of the Anderson County Library volunteers serving in the Friends Book Store and Café at the Main Library.

Belton Branch Manager **Sara Rowe** received her MLIS in Dec. from the University of South Carolina, from which she also holds a BA and MA

in history.

The library system's Young Adult Librarian, **Kate Walker**, has been named Vice Chair of the Youth Services Section of SCLA. She's also a member of the PLA Conference Program Comm. During the 2012 PLA Conference she and her fellow members of the ALA Emerging Leaders group will present "The Numbers Don't Matter: Empowerment and

Bridge-Building Among a Multi-Generational Library Staff." Kate also sits on the YALSA Midwinter Institute Task Force and is a member of the YALSA Frances Henne Award Jury.

Kate is a graduate of Clemson University and received her MLIS from the University of South Carolina, from which she received the Margaret Jackson Bundy Bicentennial Fellowship.

Summerville Library Salutes Veterans

Saturday, November 12th was a big day at the [Seago Library Branch](#). The Friends of the Summerville Library along with the Summerville Writers Guild, Blue Star Mothers & Families, Quilts of Valor, the American Red Cross and Honor Flight combined their efforts to present a "Salute to Veterans" program highlighting Veterans Day and the contributions of American soldiers.

The afternoon started with a flag dedication by the Fort Dorchester Junior ROTC Honor Guard. Jim Tatum of the Summerville Journal Scene was the featured speaker. He discussed his involvement as creative editor for the

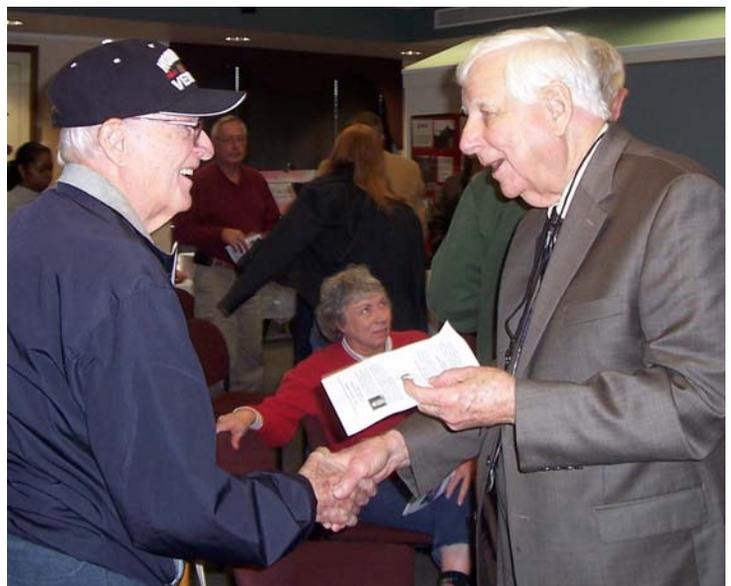
book, Medal of Honor, which chronicles the history of our nation's highest honor and those who have received it.

The Summerville Writers Guild provided a reading of original poetry honoring the contributions of our veterans. The American Red Cross, Honor Flight, Blue Star Mothers & Families and Quilts of Valor had displays showcasing their efforts to support American veterans.

Angela Creed coordinated the program for the Friends of the Summerville Library. Gail Masocco is president of the Friends.

Thank you to our Friends of the

Summerville Library group and all the local organizations that contributed their time and effort to the "Salute to Veterans" program.



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Sumter Library Meets ESL Needs

Thanks to the South Carolina State Library and the IMLS / LSTA 2011 summer grant for public libraries, the [Sumter County Library](#) was able to address the needs of English as a Second Language (ESL) students. The project served a dual purpose as it allowed the students of ESL instructor Valarie Haywood to continue through the summer with computer classes. It also offered the unique opportunity to scrapbook their lives --- from where each student came from to where they are now.

Meeting for seven consecutive weeks for two hours on Wednesday afternoons, twenty-three adults and six children/teens had an hour to work on the computers and an

hour to work on scrapbooking. The students came from such diverse backgrounds (Central and South America, Ethiopia, Korea, Russia, and Thailand), and many formed new friendships. As one young man (Lucas) from Columbia SA put it: "I have enjoyed learning and speaking with people from all over the world."

One student in particular, Nihom Artdech from Thailand, faithfully attended each session. As a Buddhist monk, he struggled with the concept of a scrapbook. With the help of another student and staff member, Nipa Brown, he realized it was his Buddhist Temple community that needed to be chronicled through photos of people and

celebrations. His scrapbook was a masterpiece!

Perhaps the most satisfying aspect of the ESL project was that many students became first time library card holders. Nipa Brown provided library tours for the students to get acclimated to all that the library had to offer. The students discovered books, DVDs, and other material which helped with their quest to learn English. All in all, this was a very successful summer and project for everyone involved.

For more information, contact Karen R. Edgar, project coordinator Children's Services Sumter County Library.



Oconee Friends New Literacy Program

The Oconee County Friends of the Library recently launched a program, in cooperation with Oconee Medical Center, called READ TO ME. READ TO ME is designed to encourage parents to begin to read early to their infants and very small children. All new moms and babies at the Oconee Medical Center will be given a tote bag containing a new board book. The bag also

contains brochures explaining to the parents why it is so important to begin reading early in a child's life, a "first library card" to be validated at any branch of the Oconee County Public Library system, and a "book buck" for use at the Friends' book sale. A growth chart marked with appropriate books for children as they grow is included in each bag. The Friends believe that, begun early, reading can become a very

special part of a baby's and child's experience and can extend into a lifetime of pleasure and learning. The Friends are also delighted that the READ TO ME program is also playing an integral and successful role in the library's LSTA-funded "Hispanic Outreach for Library Awareness" (HOLA) project. For more information call Barb Askew at (864) 944-6976 or visit

www.oconee.lib.sc.us.

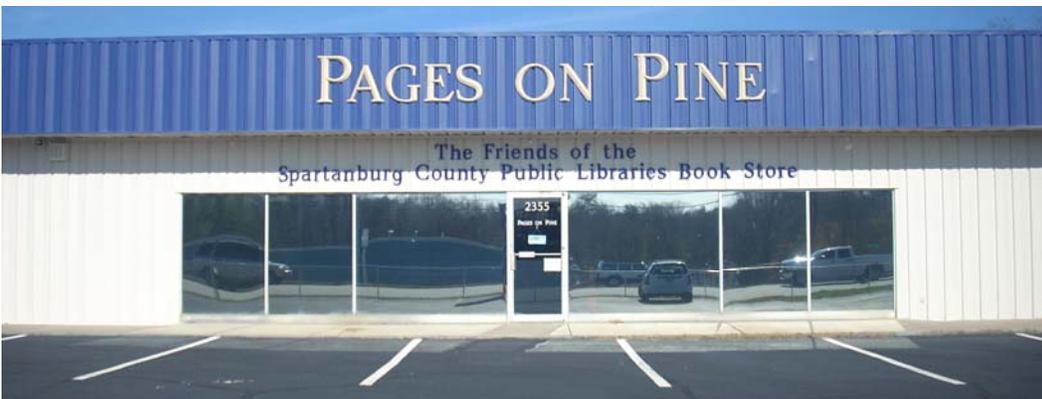


Spartanburg Friends Opens Pages on Pine

The Friends of the Spartanburg County Public Libraries are pleased to announce the opening of their new used bookstore. *Pages on Pine* is located at 2355 South Pine Street next to the Skate Palace in Spartanburg. In collaboration with the Library, the Friends were able to secure a location that not only allows them access to double the space that was available at their old location, but also provides some

room for Library surplus items as well. The new location is filled with rows and rows of gently used books, all sorted by category and easily accessible. Generous donations of not only shelving, but also outside book collections were helpful in getting the new store up and running. The grand opening sale which was held the first weekend in December was a big success. Plans are for the new store to have

regular weekly hours in order to expand the community's access to our used book inventory. Store hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Volunteers staff the new store. If you are interested in volunteering contact 864-285-9045 or call the store at 864-585-0111 for more information.





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