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SC State Library to host Dr. Jo Whitten May

Join us on March 24 for an author talk and book signing event with Dr. Jo Whitten May, author of *ETHEL! Leave Her Alone!*

ETHEL! Leave Her Alone! is a story about a southern girl growing up in a changing society. Born in Mississippi in 1935, Betty Jo Whitten was different from day one. Her first sentence was, "Me do it me self!" Even as a young child she seemed to believe that all the privileges available to boys would also be available to her. The life she has lived since then has made - and is making - that equality a reality for the women who follow her.

This book includes stories that describe the history and attitudes that served as the backdrop for the author's life and her recollections of memorable characters who influenced her along the way. By the time you're finished reading, you'll have no doubt why her father found it necessary to repeatedly say to her mother, "ETHEL! Leave Her Alone!"

To find out more information, please contact Public Information Specialist Sean Gruber.

To register for this event, please [visit our events calendar](#).

To find out more information on the event, please contact State Library Public Information Specialist [Sean Gruber](#).

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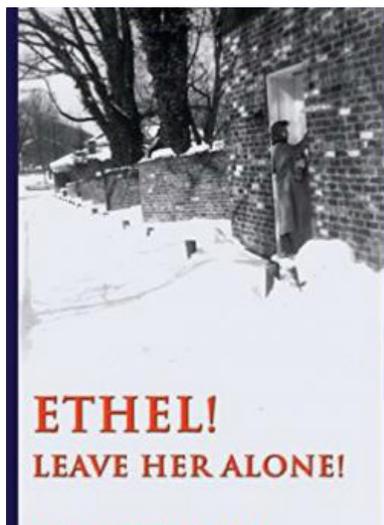
When:
March 24, from 12-1 p.m.

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

Cost:
[Free but registration is required.](#)

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SC State Library launches Women Speak Art Gallery and Exhibit



The South Carolina State Library is celebrating Women's History Month by displaying art created by today's women artists.

Come enjoy the many formats of art on display including pencil, acrylic, oil, charcoal, mosaics, basket sculpture, pottery, photography, multi-media, and film.

Included in the exhibit are books from the SC State Library's collection related to the women of South Carolina.

The public is invited to stop in and view the art Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The exhibit will continue through April 3, 2017.

Hundreds participate in "Young Minds Dreaming" contest

Over 600 South Carolina students sent in original work for the SC State Library's "Young Minds Dreaming" Poetry Contest, relating stories of a person, place, or an experience that made a mark on their lives and dreams.

The poetry contest was organized as part of this year's Arbuthnot Lecture inviting South Carolina students in grades 3-12 to submit poems in a style of their choice to a panel of nine judges.

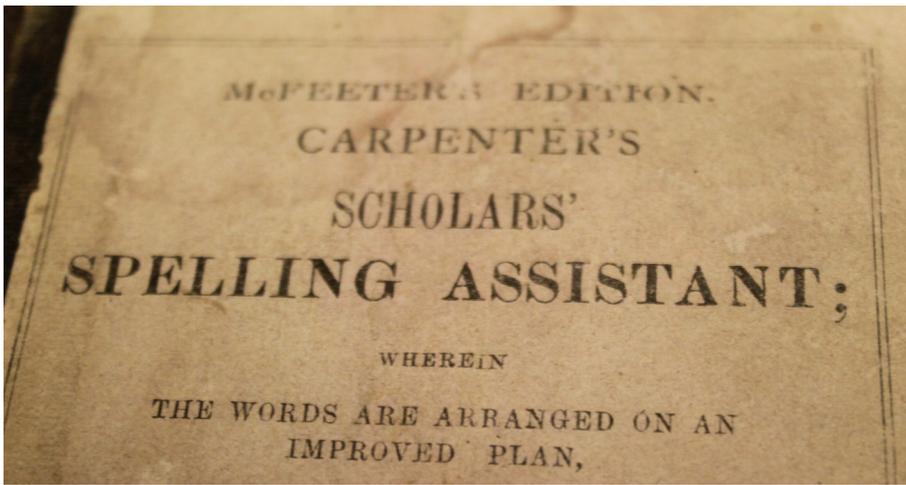
The First, Second, and Third Place winners in each category (Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, and Grades 9-12) will be announced on March 22, 2017. Winners and their families will then be invited to a closed ceremony at the SC State Library April 1 to read their poems and meet author Jacqueline Woodson.

"The State Library was thrilled at the response to the poetry contest," said Deputy Director Denise Lyons, who oversees the Arbuthnot Lecture planning, "It became clear that there is both interest and enthusiasm by many at all levels to celebrate poetry in a significant way across the state. We are grateful for all the support, participation, and assistance we have received during this contest. Our hope is that we will be able to continue the Young Minds Dreaming contest in some way even after the Arbuthnot events have ended." The SC State Library greatly appreciates this year's poetry judges for their time and expertise:

- Ed Madden
- Cassie Premo Steele
- Ray McManus
- Len Lawson
- Dianne Johnson
- Worthy Evans
- Monifa Lemons
- Susan Laughter Meyers
- Connie C. Smith



For more information on the contest, please contact Pamela Hoppock, Learning Experiences Coordinator, at (803) 734-8646 or phoppock@statelibrary.sc.gov.



From Our Collection: Carpenter's Scholars' Spelling Assistant

This month's selection from the South Carolina State Library's rare book collection is a relic from the 19th-century battle to standardize and simplify the spelling of English words.

This 1878 edition of *Carpenter's Scholars' Spelling Assistant* was one of several "spelling aids" that circulated among school children of the 1800s, offering a plan to "generally improve" the pronunciation and spelling skills of students.

The list was compiled by Thomas Carpenter, who said that he used "the Dictionaries of Johnson, Walker, Sheridan and Bailey" as a guide.

Carpenter was noticeably conservative with his spelling choices compared to some

of his fellow 19th-century educators. During the 1870s many "Spelling Reform" associations sprang up in America, seeking to simplify the English language by use of a "phonetic" spelling style. One such organization suggested changing the word *are* to "ar," *guard* to "gard" and wished to "wisht."

While some notable publications adopted this new spelling system (including, for a time, the *Chicago Tribune* newspaper), Carpenter does not include these novel spellings in his work.

Visitors may request to view this book by contacting Amanda Stone, Manager of Collections and Digitization at (803) 734-4816.

State Library hosting grants research, proposal writing classes

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

Grants Research: Finding a Funder for Your Nonprofit Organization. This class helps individuals working with nonprofit organizations locate information on grants available from private foundations and corporations using the South Carolina State Library's electronic and print resources. Sessions run from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The next session will be held [Thursday, April 27](#).

Proposal Writing Basics. This class will focus on what needs to be included in all your grant proposals. Sessions run from 10:00 a.m. to noon and are offered on two different dates: [Thursday, March 30](#), and [Friday, May 19](#).

Both classes will be held at the South Carolina State Library, 1500 Senate Street, Columbia and are free; however, **registration is required**. For more information, please contact [Dawn Mullin](#), Information Services Librarian at (803) 737-3762.

State Library to host Social Media in Government Discussion

Please join us on March 31 from 10:30 a.m. to Noon for our quarterly meeting to discuss social media issues in government.

For this meeting, we will have a round table discussion on a number of topics:

- Social Media Plans
- Social Media Policies
- Workflow process (using a scheduler like Hootsuite)
- Managing multiple Facebook pages, Twitter feeds, etc.
- Analytics - how do you report social media use?
- Consistent use of hashtags
- Language/Tone of posts
- Other topics

Our guest moderator will be Jillian Owens, Digital Marketing Strategist for Riggs Partners. Please come prepared to discuss these and other issues related to how your government organization or agency uses social media. Feel free to bring copies of documents you would like to share with attendees. If you would like to have them printed as handouts for the meeting, please email them to Dr. Curtis Rogers by March 29, 2017. [Register online here.](#)



Library Spotlight: Laurens County Public Library System

The Laurens County Public Library system is excited to host two storytellers and singers during the month of March. These programs are a part of the Family Night Out series. Families from around Laurens County are encouraged to come to these events to enjoy activities, story times, and special guests.

On Tuesday, March 14 at 6:00 p.m., the Laurens County Library Youth Services will host Sharon Clarke, “The Story Lady,” at the Laurens Library. She will entertain with her unique blend of music and storytelling to delight and captivate her listeners. Sharon Clarke, also known as “The Storytelling Troubadour” is a mother, grandmother, storyteller, songwriter, entertainer and educator. She has been entertaining audiences of all ages throughout the southeast for over 15 years. She worked in early childhood education and in Youth Services Programming for the Public Library System before

venturing out into storytelling full time. She is a member of the North Carolina Storytellers Guild, The National Storytelling Network and is the owner/director of Mini-Minstrels Music for Kids.

On Tuesday, March 21 at 6:00 p.m. the Laurens County Library Youth Services will host Tom Fisch at the Clinton Library. With the backdrop of the Blue Ridge Mountains for inspiration, Tom and his music have found a comfortable place to call home. Wherever he performs, audiences continue to connect with the warm, appealing style, diverse range of material and talent this seasoned performer brings to the stage.

For more information on Youth Services programming and offerings, please call the Laurens Public Library at (864) 681-7323 or [visit our website.](#)

Information submitted by Joey Holmes, LCL Library Assitant

A Note from the State Library Agency Director

Leesa Aiken, Director of the South Carolina State Library

There is much debate and discussion about the glass ceiling, the invisible structure that keeps women from reaching the highest pinnacle of success in their chosen arena. According to the Institute for Women's Policy Research, for every one dollar that a man makes in the workplace, a woman makes 80 cents. We know that the contribution of women is worth much more than the sum of their paychecks. This month we are celebrating those women, women who have given freely of their gifts and talents so that they have a lasting impact on their communities.

Two women who currently impact libraries in meaningful ways are Dr. Carla Hayden and Dr. Kathryn K. Matthew. In September of 2016, Dr. Carla Hayden became the first woman and the first African American to be named Librarian of Congress. Dr. Hayden's contribution to her community began as a children's librarian. Her passion for librarianship propelled her to become the leader of the American Library Association. Dr. Matthew leads the Institute of Museum and Library Services in Washington, DC. Dr. Matthew's focus since taking on the role as the Director of the Institute has been on partnerships and creating opportunities for museums,

libraries, and other community organizations to use their collective resources to impact communities in positive, meaningful ways.

The role that women play in society has changed significantly over the last 100 years but one constant remains, the contribution of women is unmistakable. This month we give voice to women through art at our Women Speak Art gallery exhibit. The gallery features art from 16 different women from around the state in many formats to include: pencil, acrylic, oil, charcoal, mosaics, basket sculpture, pottery, photography, multi-media, and film. The gallery is open March 8th – April 3rd and can be viewed from 8:30 a.m through 5 p.m. We even have a few artists on staff with pieces in the collection!

We have two female authors scheduled for the month to discuss and sign copies of their books. On March 16th Teresa R. Kemp will join us at noon to discuss her book: *Keeper of the Fire: An Igbo Metalsmith from Awka*, which includes extensive research on the hidden meaning of the quilt code patterns on African homes. Dr. Jo Whitten May joins us on March 24th at noon to discuss her book *ETHEL! Leave Her Alone!* a story about a southern girl growing up in a changing society, as a child who believe that all the privileges available to boys would also be available to her.



Finally, we are delighted to have been selected as the 2017 May Hill Arbuthnot Honor Lecture location, sponsored by the Association of Library Service to Children. Equally as exciting is the children's author chosen for the lecture, Jacqueline Woodson. Woodson is the 2014 National Book Award Winner for *Brown Girl Dreaming*. She is also a four-time Newberry Honor winner, a recipient of the NAACP Image Award, and a two-time Coretta Scott King Award winner, not to mention a favorite author of ours! Doors open for the lecture at 6:15pm on April 1st at the WW Hootie Johnson Auditorium, USC Darla Moore School of Business, 1014 Greene Street, Columbia, SC.

Our first floor features an exhibit of books selected from our collection which focus on Remarkable Women of South Carolina: from the Collections of the South Carolina State Library. We hope that you will join us this month for any or all of our events as we celebrate the contributions of remarkable women who have given freely of themselves.

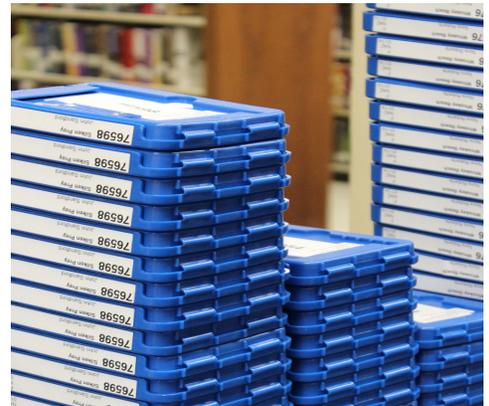
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In 1969, as the result of action by the General Assembly, the State Library Board was redesignated as the South Carolina State Library and assumed responsibility for public library development, library service for state institutions, service for the 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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