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# News For South Carolina Libraries

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## DISCUS Remote Access Plans

Public libraries, schools and colleges in South Carolina now have on-site access to the Grolier encyclopedias, InfoTrac periodical databases, and SIRS topical databases provided through DISCUS—South Carolina’s Virtual Library. With this accomplished the project’s primary goal is making these valuable information resources available to users from their home or office Internet accounts as well. Ensuring that this “remote access” is restricted only to South Carolinians requires resolution of a number of technology and service issues. It is anticipated that an interim solution will be in place for at least some of the DISCUS databases by September 1999.

The DISCUS Technology Assessment Committee has been convened to address the long term solution for remote access to DISCUS databases, as well as other technology issues of the project. Chaired by Ray McBride, Darlington County Library, the committee includes: Don Cantrell, Lexington/Richland School District 5; Steve Martin, Newberry County Schools; Tom Taylor, Spartanburg 5 Schools; Bruce Heimburger, Richland County Public Library; Tom Walker, Charleston County Library; Lorraine Abraham, Midlands Technical College Library; Douglas Anderson, Presbyterian College Library; and Bob Neville, College of Charleston Library. For more information, **contact: Mary Bull, DISCUS Project Director, (mary@leo.scsli.state.sc.us).**

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## Libraries Get \$4.3 Million



*Pictured left to right: Margaret Bundy, board member; Hugh Rogers, board member; Nancy Taylor, State Library Board Chairman; Governor Jim Hodges; Trevor Nielson, Gates Learning Foundation; Barbara Gadegbeku, board member; James Campbell, board member; and Jim Johnson, State Library director.*

Governor Jim Hodges announced June 11 that \$4.3 million in grants will come to South Carolina public libraries from the Gates Learning Foundation. These grants represent the largest private grant awarded to public libraries in South Carolina’s history according to Jim Johnson, director of the South Carolina State Library.

News for South Carolina Libraries can now be viewed online from the State Library’s web site: <http://www.state.sc.us/scsl/>

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# From the Director ■■■ James B. Johnson Jr.

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This spring witnessed significant gains in support for South Carolina's public libraries.

The recently concluded legislative session provides the largest one-year increase in the history of State Aid to county libraries. State Aid for FY00 will be funded at \$6,610,377. This is an increase of 36 cents per capita or 24 percent. The minimum grant was increased from \$15,000 per county to \$40,000 per county. Ten counties will benefit from this increase. Per capita State Aid for FY00 is \$1.86. We are just \$555,945 from reaching our goal of \$2 per capita and a minimum grant of \$50,000 by 2000.

Seven public library construction projects also received funding in the school bond bill. Grants ranged from \$7,000 to \$1 million.

Governor Hodges announced on June 11 that South Carolina public libraries would receive approximately \$4.3 million from the Gates Learning Foundation. These grants will help libraries equalize access to information for all citizens in the state.



We have heard from some county librarians of major gains in local support of their libraries. Since 85 percent of public library funding comes from local sources, this is good news indeed.

We can sit back for a few minutes and take satisfaction on such a good year; however, next year's budget cycle has already begun. Your support in 2000 is critical as we try to improve on this year's record.

## Libraries Get \$4.3 Million (continued from page 1)

"We are pleased to announce these grants from the Gates Learning Foundation which will provide hardware, software, technical support and training to public libraries across the state," Johnson added.

The South Carolina State Library prepared the initial grant needs assessment for the state to qualify for these grants. Each library prepared and submitted its own grant.

"South Carolina is at the forefront of information technology in our libraries," Johnson said. "The State Library, in cooperation with the State Office of Information Resources (OIR), connected every public library system including all branch libraries for Internet access and made DISCUS, South Carolina's Virtual Library, available to public and academic libraries and all public K-12 schools." These grants will help libraries enhance and expand their information resources and equalize information access for all citizens in the state."

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The Gates Learning Foundation was founded in June 1997 by Bill and Melinda French Gates to partner with public libraries in bringing access to computers and digital information to patrons in low-income communities in the United States and Canada. The Gates' commitment of \$200 million is being distributed in the form of grants for hardware, software, training and technical assistance.

# News from Around the State

## Georgetown County Library

**Georgetown County Library** observes 200 years of growth this year with a series of events celebrating its history. History seminars, talks with historians and authors and the annual Palmetto Storytelling Festival will cover South Carolina and Georgetown History from antebellum times to the present.

## Kershaw County Library

Librarian **Xiaowen Gao**, pronounced shee-ow-weng gow, served as an interpreter for local officials trying to attract a major Chinese manufacturer, Haiser Group, to Camden. In addition to speaking Chinese, Gao is also from Qingdao where the Haiser Group is based.

## Spartanburg County Library

Spartanburg County Council passed a resolution February 15 designating the **H. Carlisle Bean Law Library** a branch of the Spartanburg County Public Libraries.

## SC State Library

The 1998 Francis Keppel Awards were presented to 32 states and 1 territory for submitting prompt, complete and high-quality public library data. Receiving the award for South Carolina are **Jim Johnson**, director of the SC State Library and **Libby Law**, data coordinator. The award is presented annually to qualifying chief officers and data coordinators of state library agencies. South Carolina has received eight awards to date.

**Mary Bull**, was presented a resolution from the Library Directors Forum of the Commission for Higher Education for her role in coordinating the DISCUS project.

## USC Libraries

**Dr. Matthew J. Brucoli**, distinguished biographer and scholar of American literature was presented the Thomas Cooper Medal for Distinction in the Arts and Sciences by the Thomas Cooper Society, support group

for the Thomas Cooper Library on the campus of the University of South Carolina in Columbia. Dr. Brucoli is best known as an F. Scott Fitzgerald scholar and collaborated with the author's daughter, Scottie, on several volumes. Other recipients of the Thomas Cooper Medal are Pat Conroy, Joseph Heller, James Dickey and John Updike.

**Thomas Cooper Library** has risen to 52nd place in the 1997-98 Association of Research Libraries (ARL) membership criteria index. In rising from 54th position to 52nd, USC now tops Notre Dame, SUNY-Buffalo, Connecticut, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Louisiana State, Brown, Tennessee, Purdue, MIT, Ohio and Florida State.

**Bob Skinder** of USC's Thomas Cooper Library and **Caroline Eastman** of the Department of Computer Science together with **Rich Showman** and **David Wethey** from the Department of Biology received a Bell South grant for \$4,930.00 to fund a project called "Automated Collection and Exploitation of Internet-based Databases," which is intended to use intelligent search agents to target the numerous biological databases on the Internet.

**Elliott Holman III** has established an endowment to provide funds for support of the Springs Business Library at the University of South Carolina. The endowment will provide sources and increased electronic access to business information.

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Emily Sanders, retired head librarian of the Charleston County Library died recently at the age of 93. From the time when she joined the staff in 1939 until her retirement in 1977, she brought the library's budget up from \$20,000 to \$843,000 and the registered borrowers from 18,000 to 70,000. She served as president of the South Carolina Library Association in 1948.

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# Reading With Rachel

“Reading with Rachel” is an innovative statewide literacy campaign launched in April. South Carolina’s First Lady

Rachel Hodges will visit schools throughout the state to read to students and present them with books for their school libraries. “I’ve enjoyed reading to my own children and I want to share with everyone – kids and parents – the wonders and joys of reading. Books build better brains,” Mrs. Hodges said. Helping launch the campaign were author Jon Scieszka (left) and Douglas Whiteman (right), president of the Young Readers Division of Penguin



Putnam. Penguin Putnam agreed to donate books and other support to the ongoing campaign. Governor and Mrs. Hodges are pictured between the two gentlemen.



## Read In ‘99

First Lady Rachel Hodges holds up her library card during the State Library sponsored Read-In 99 on April 28. Mrs. Hodges told the 1,300 children participating that everyone should have a library card.

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# Friends Dedicate Literary Landmark

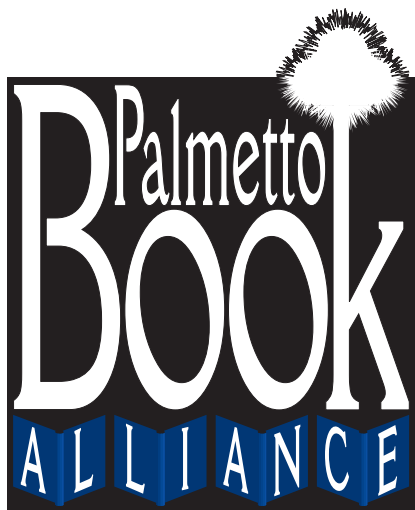
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South Carolina's first literary landmark will be the University of South Carolina where James Dickey wrote **Deliverance** and other works. Dickey was the poet-in-residence at the University of South Carolina where he taught for 25 years.

A plaque designating the University as a literary landmark in memory of Dickey was unveiled April 17 at the SC Book Festival. It will be placed near the Faculty House in the Horseshoe area of the University. This project is sponsored by Friends of South Carolina Libraries to identify and commemorate outstanding literary landmarks throughout the state. Nationally, the Literary Landmarks Register is sponsored by Friends of Libraries USA to encourage the identification of historic sites across the country.



“We felt James Dickey and the University of South Carolina were fitting choices for our first literary landmark,” said Shirley Howell of Woodruff, president of Friends of South Carolina Libraries. “Dickey spent a great deal of time writing and enjoying his students and colleagues around the Horseshoe area. We hope this is the first of other literary landmarks we can identify across South Carolina.”



## PBA Launches Website

The Palmetto Book Alliance has launched its website at [www.state.sc.us/scsl/lib/pba.html](http://www.state.sc.us/scsl/lib/pba.html).

This site has links to other book and literary-related websites, a calendar of events in South Carolina and immediate surrounding areas and will eventually have an author database.

An affiliate of the Library of Congress Center for the Book in South Carolina, the Palmetto Book Alliance promotes reading, books and South Carolina's rich literary heritage. It is a joint project of the South Carolina State Library and the USC College of Library and Information Science.



# Arthur Delights All



Arthur, the character created by author Marc Brown in 1976, visited Orangeburg County Library during National Library Week in April.

Over 400 people turned out to see Arthur, now of television fame through his PBS series. Harris C. Murray, children's librarian, said the library worked through ETV to secure the costume. "They were very helpful in getting us through the process," said Murray. There is a \$50 charge for renting the costume and the renting library agrees to pay shipping and handling charges as well as dry cleaning fees.

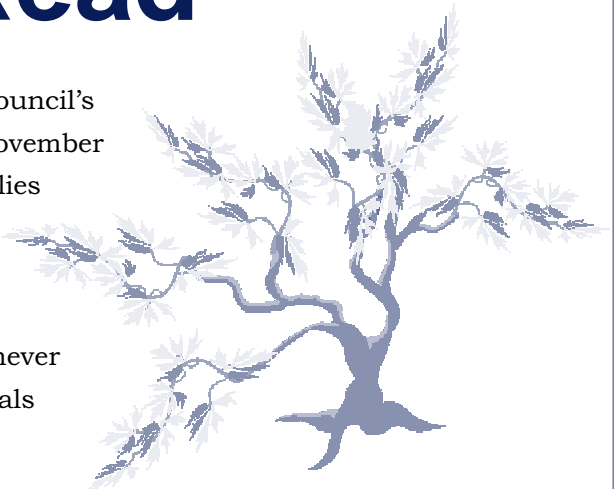
"Arthur's popularity with children through books and television make him an especially attractive visitor," Murray said. Murray encouraged libraries to host Arthur but to be prepared to wait for his availability.

For more information on renting Arthur, contact Pat Dressler at SCETV, 803-737-3397 or by email [dressler@scetv.org](mailto:dressler@scetv.org).

## Plant a Seed...Read

Plant a Seed...Read! Is the theme for the Children's Book Council's 80<sup>th</sup> annual observance of National Children's Book Week, November 15-21. Since 1919 educators, librarians, booksellers and families have celebrated National Children's Book Week during the week before Thanksgiving.

This year's theme "Plant a Seed...Read!" highlights that it's never too early to encourage reading. These colorful graphic materials show kids that reading can be a transforming experience.



# SC Public Library Web Pages

Many of the state's public libraries now have web pages for children and teens. They vary from simple sites with program information to sites with booklists and lots of links. All reflect an interest in making sure that kids and parents know what's happening at the library.

## **Anderson County Library Kids Page**

<http://www.andersonlibrary.org/kids.htm>

Program activities

## **Beaufort County Library Children's Services Page:**

<http://www.co.beaufort.sc.us/library/>

[Beaufort/children.htm](http://www.co.beaufort.sc.us/library/Beaufort/children.htm). Links.

## **Berkeley County Library Children's Room:**

<http://www.berkeley.lib.sc.us/childrens.html>. Links

**Teens:** <http://www.berkeley.lib.sc.us/teenz.html>

Links, bibliographies, teen questionnaire.

## **Charleston County Library Kids' Page:**

<http://www.ccpl.org/ccl/cclkids/cclkidsh.html>.

Links including author of the month, booklists.

## **Cherokee County Library—For Young Readers**

<http://andy.appnet.org/cherokee/fyr.htm>.

Description of services.

## **Darlington County Library Kids' Page**

<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Parthenon/2023/kiddies.html>.

Program activities.

## **Dorchester County Library Kids' Page**

<http://dcl.lib.sc.us/children1.htm>.

Library activities and programs.

## **Fairfield County Library Kid's Page**

<http://www.fairfield.lib.sc.us/kids.html>

Program activities.

## **Greenville County Library Children's Page:**

<http://www.greenvillelibrary.org/children/index.htm>

Program activities, booklists, links.

**Young Adults:** <http://www.greenvillelibrary.org/>

[yadults/index.htm](#).

Booklists including one on inspirational fiction.

## **Kershaw County Library Kid's Page**

<http://www.midnet.sc.edu/kerlib/kids.htm>.

Links including Parent's Corner.

Children's Department Page

<http://www.midnet.sc.edu/kerlib/children.htm>.

Programs activities and information about storytime's goals and purposes.

## **Lexington County Library**

<http://www.lex.lib.sc.us/>

The library does not have a system kids page, but some individual branches do.

## **Richland County Public Library Children's Room:**

<http://www.richland.lib.sc.us/child.htm>

Program activities, kid's links, and **Teacher's Toolbox**, links for early childhood educators. Librarians will find this useful for program/activity ideas.

**Young Adult:** <http://www.richland.lib.sc.us/ya.htm>

Book Reviews, links, program activities.

## **Spartanburg County Library Children's Home Page.**

<http://www.spt.lib.sc.us/childrens/index.html>

Program activities, booklists.

## **Sumter County Library Children's Department**

<http://www.midnet.sc.edu/sumtercls/CHILD.HTM>.

Activities, links.

## **York County Library Just for Kids**

[http://www.yclibrary.org/ycl/just\\_for\\_kids.htm](http://www.yclibrary.org/ycl/just_for_kids.htm)

Program activities and links.

**Young Adult:** [http://www.yclibrary.org/ycl/young\\_adults.htm](http://www.yclibrary.org/ycl/young_adults.htm).

Links

## **A few hints:**

- Make sure web pages are updated regularly. Record the date of the update on the page.
- Make the page appealing for youth, but have it tie in well with the library's main web page.
- Include information and links for parents and people who work with children.

# Introducing ... *WEBLION* Catalog Goes Online

**LION**, the online catalog of the South Carolina State Library (SCSL), made its official debut in a World-Wide-Web-based version June 7. This "webLION" is available to anyone with access to the Internet and a Web browser such as Netscape or Internet Explorer.

The Library has used Web2 software from its library automation vendor, DRA, to combine old and new OPAC functions and add point-and-click screen features. "webLION" offers a choice of basic or advanced searching techniques and allows author, title, subject and keyword searches to be modified by format, date and language. A Z39.50 gateway makes it possible to search multiple databases simultaneously, and then merge results.

The State Library continues to encourage SC libraries to make use of the online request feature of the LION catalog by submitting interlibrary loan requests through "webLION". 470 SC public, academic, TEC, special and

school libraries are currently registered as SCSL borrowers through the South Carolina Library Network (SCLN), and already have the patron barcodes required to place requests. To further facilitate resource sharing, the State Library will provide a series of interactive forms online to permit SCLN libraries to submit a variety of requests through the Internet, including those for periodical photocopy and items not listed in the LION database (e.g. ERIC documents).

The "webLION" URL is [www.state.sc.us/scsl/scslweb/welcome.html](http://www.state.sc.us/scsl/scslweb/welcome.html). LION is also still available via telnet connection ([leo.scsl.state.sc.us](http://leo.scsl.state.sc.us)) or through dial access (803-734-6268).

**For additional information, contact Lea Walsh, director of Network Services, South Carolina State Library ([lea@leo.scsl.state.sc.us](mailto:lea@leo.scsl.state.sc.us)).**

## ALSC/Book Wholesalers Announce Grant

The Greenville County Public Library is the 1999 recipient of the ALSC/Book Wholesalers Reading Program Grant administered by the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association.

The \$3,000 grant, donated by Book Wholesalers, Inc., provides financial assistance for public libraries to develop outstanding summer reading programs for children. The grant also recognizes ALSC members for outstanding program development.

Karen M. Allen, children's librarian, submitted the winning proposal. The main theme, "Book Trek," focuses on the past, while the Y2K "subtheme" looks to the future. During the summer, library programs featuring professional storytellers will be held at historic locations throughout Greenville County. The sites will be determined in cooperation with the Greenville County Historical Society. Children's librarians will be on hand to coordinate the programs, distribute booklists of related materials and highlight all the activities for summer reading. The culmination of the program will be an event at the Greenville Zoo.





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# Our Heritage of Library Service

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In 1943, only 43 percent of South Carolinians had access to public library service. Book stock averaged .39 per citizen. Today all citizens have access to public library service and book stock is 2.04 per citizen. Much of the early success of the public library program is due to the hard work and determination of the State Federation of Women's Clubs and the County Councils of Farm Women.



## Step Up to Chapter Books

Sometimes finding good books for children just beginning to read chapter books can be a challenge. In the last few years there have been an increasing number of beginning chapter books published.

The State Library recently released its latest booklist, **Step up to Chapter Books**, books for children in grades 2-4. It lists 40 great short chapter books. This booklist, compiled by Debra Lodge, children's coordinator, Dorchester County Library, is being distributed to public libraries. Requests for other copies can be made by calling the State Library or by e-mail to [Janec@leo.scscl.state.sc.us](mailto:Janec@leo.scscl.state.sc.us). Copies of **Get Stuck in A Book** (grades 4-6) and **I Can Read it Myself** (beginning readers) are also available.

# Copyright and Special Format Materials

**T**he 1996 passage of the Chafee amendment made it possible for nonprofit and government agencies to produce special format books and magazines without first obtaining permission from the copyright holder.

Prior to the Chafee amendment, agencies with a primary mission of serving blind individuals or other persons with disabilities were unable to provide timely conversion of standard print materials to a specialized format - braille, audio, or digital text - because of the amount of time expended in pursuit of copyright permission. Although the length of time it takes to make a standard print book accessible in a specialized format is influenced by many factors, the Chafee amendment eliminates this once significant factor. All persons in need of adaptive reading or information access benefit from this amendment.

## The following is an overview of the Chafee amendment:

- It is not an infringement of copyright for an authorized entity to reproduce or to distribute, in specialized formats, exclusively for the use of blind or other persons with disabilities, copies of previously published nondramatic literary works — periodicals are included.
- Specialized formats must “bear a notice that any further reproduction or distribution in a format other than a specialized format is an infringement,” and “include a copyright notice identifying the copyright owner and date of the original publication.”
- A published script or play is considered a dramatic work. Permission must be obtained from the copyright holders.
- Authorized entity is defined as “a nonprofit organization or a governmental agency that has a primary mission to provide specialized services relating to training, education, or adaptive reading or information access needs of blind or other persons with disabilities.”
- All works protected by U.S. copyright law, including those first published abroad or in multiple editions published in several countries, are subject to the exemption.
- The exemption does not include music and does not cover recorded material that is not in a specialized format.
- Works reproduced in large print are not included under the exemption.

**NOTE:** This information is excerpted from the Library of Congress, National Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) publication “Facts: Copyright Law Amendment, 1996: PL 104-197.” Full copy may be requested from the Reference Section, NLS Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20542-0001; e-mail [nls@loc.gov](mailto:nls@loc.gov); <http://www.loc.gov/nls>.

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## South Carolina State Library Services

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- Library Planning and Development
- Interlibrary Cooperation
- Services for State Government and State Agencies
- Consultant Assistance for Public and Institutional Libraries
- Services for the Blind and Handicapped
- South Carolina Library Network
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- Interlibrary Loan Services
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- Continuing Education
- Technical Assistance for Library Construction
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- Statistical Information
- Grants Research Collection
- ERIC Collection
- Computerized Databases
- Public Information Program
- Publications

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# Calendar

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## September

Library Card Sign-Up Month

## September 25-October 2

Banned Books Week

## October 17-23

Teen Read Week

## November 15-21

Children's Book Week

## December 1-4

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Hilton Head, SC

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