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2000 Legislative Session: A Mixed Record for Libraries

The 2000 session of the South Carolina General Assembly was a busy one for libraries with a number of issues that librarians and their supporters closely followed.

The final budget passed by the General Assembly includes \$448,845 in new funds for State Aid to County Libraries. This enables us to reach the long-established goal of the State Library and the Association of Public Library Administrators of \$2 per capita with a minimum grant of \$40,000 per county. The total appropriation for State Aid is now \$7,059,222.

The State Library's request for a \$3 million public library construction program was not funded. The final budget also does not include the \$1 million the Senate recommended for children's library initiatives.

The State Library submitted revised regulations to the General Assembly for its approval concerning the expenditure of State Aid to County Libraries. These regulations, the first revisions since 1980, went into effect on May 26, 2000.

Legislation to require publicly supported libraries to filter the Internet was a hot topic this session. The final compromise bill as approved by the General Assembly does not require filtering. As amended, H.4426 requires libraries "to adopt policies intended to reduce the ability of the user to access web sites displaying information or material in violation" of the state's obscenity law. The bill also charges the Budget and Control Board with conducting a pilot program to access the feasibility of installing Internet filtering software. Participation in this voluntary pilot test would include a public library and a public school library in the upstate, midstate and low country areas. This bill now goes to the Governor for his signature.

James B. Johnson, Jr.
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 State Library's web site: <http://www.state.sc.us/scsl/>

Move Update

The South Carolina State Library now has two locations: 1430 and 1500 Senate Street.

The State Library's Administrative and Library Development departments have been relocated to the former State Archives building at 1430 Senate Street. The telephone number 803-734-8666 and fax number 803-734-8676 remains the same.

The Department for the Blind and Physically Handicapped is now also at 1430 Senate Street.

The new telephone number is 803-734-4611, and the new fax number is 803-734-4610. The toll free number is 800-922-7818.

The building at 1500 Senate Street is now the South Carolina State Library Information and Resource Center. The Information Services (formerly Reader's Services), Technical Services and Network Services Departments are located in this building. The main telephone number, 803-734-8666 remains the same, but the new fax number is 803-734-4757.

The State Library has new hours of operation. Both buildings are open from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. The library is closed on weekends and official state holidays.

State Library Implements Voicemail

Effective July 19, the State Library will implement a voicemail system. Callers using the library's main phone number, 803-734-8666, or any of its toll-free numbers, will be greeted by a recorded menu asking them to select a connection to one of the following: the Library's Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, the Library's reference and circulation services, the Library's main receptionist, or a menu that provides general information about the State Library.

Callers selecting the Library's Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped option will be immediately connected to the Library's receptionist. Callers selecting the reference/circulation services option will be immediately connected to a reference librarian at the main information desk.

Persons wishing to speak to a particular staff member will be able to connect directly to that person or, if the staff member is away from the office, may leave messages on that individual's voicemail box. Staff will make every effort to acknowledge these messages and return calls promptly.

The State Library's voicemail system has been designed to ensure that library users will continue to receive the same level of personal service provided in the past.



News from Around the State

Calhoun County

The Calhoun County Library has received a \$45,000 LSTA grant from the State Library to automate their circulation system and provide remote access to the library's holdings.

Chester County

Glynda Christian is the new director of the Chester County Public Library system. Ms. Christian was the head librarian for the Lexington County Public Library. She is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts. In 1997, she received a Master's of Library and Information Science from the University of South Carolina.

Darlington County

The Hartsville Memorial Library began an expansion project this April that will add 4,100 square-feet to the library. The project will provide 58 additional seats and shelving space for more than 30,000 items. Completion is expected by this winter.

Friends of South Carolina Libraries

The Friends of the South Carolina Libraries (FOSCL) was selected to receive the Baker & Taylor/FOLUSA Award for statewide Friends organization. The award was presented at the annual FOLUSA meeting in Chicago. In addition to nationwide recognition, the award carries a \$1,000 cash prize.

Kershaw County

The Kershaw County Library Board voted to begin the use of a materials recovery agency starting in June. This action encourages library users with overdue materials to return them to the library and or pay any fines above \$25.00. The library will pass the cost of this service to each user whose account is handled by the agency.

South Carolina State Library

Jim Johnson, director of the State Library, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Agency Directors Organization. He will serve a three-year term.

Cheryl Kirkpatrick has joined the State Library as the Network Services Librarian. Ms. Kirkpatrick is now the Web Administrator for the library. She graduated from Mississippi State and recently received her MLIS from the University of South Carolina. Her previous experience includes working for the Richland County Public Library and was a graduate assistant with the Electronic Library Services and Assistance of DHEC.

Felicia Vereen has joined the State Library as a Reference Librarian. She will also be a trainer/advisor on electronic information resources and work closely with the Continuing Education Coordinator in expanding the library's training and support functions. Ms. Vereen is a graduate of Coastal Carolina University and received her MLIS from the University of South Carolina. Prior to her graduate studies, she was employed by the Richland County Public Library, was a Gates Intern and helped implement the Gates Library Foundation initiatives in public libraries across the state.

Spartanburg County

Ms. Carol Bledsoe is the new supervisor of the Inman Branch. She was the Branch Assistant in Inman in 1991. In 1996, she worked at the Main Library as the Outreach Coordinator for the library's Read-Aloud program. She is currently working toward her Master's Degree in Library and Information Science through the USC Distance Education Program.

Leaders Elected for APLA and Director's Forum

Association of Public Library Administrators of South Carolina

Chesterfield County Library Director Darlene M. Smithwick was elected the new president of APLA when the group held its annual retreat recently in Georgetown. She succeeds Dwight McInvaill, Georgetown County library director. APLA's purpose includes strengthening ties among county library administrators in South Carolina, and fostering closer cooperation among county public library administrators and the SC State Library and SC Library Association.

Some of the organization's past activities include the statewide "Let's Talk About It" project and the Last Copy Fiction Depository. Ongoing projects include Library Legislative Day, support for library legislation and state aid and the endorsement of participation in the South Carolina Library Network. APLA negotiates for joint acquisition of bids to get the best discount on books and audio-visual materials for libraries. This year's topics at APLA will include intellectual freedom, e-books, reclaiming lost library books, and programs and spaces for children and young adults, as well as the Governor's First Step program.

APLA is also represented in the South Carolina Association of Counties (SCAC) and will participate at the annual SCAC conference in Hilton Head in August.

South Carolina Library Directors' Forum

At the May meeting of the South Carolina Library Director's Forum (SCLDF), the Executive Committee re-elected Francis Marion University Library Dean Paul Dove as its chair. Horry-Georgetown Technical College Library Director Peggy Smith was elected as vice-chair. Other members of the committee include Nell Bradley from Florence-Darlington Technical College, Ruth Riley from the USC School of Medicine, Marvin Light from USC-Salkehatchie, George Terry from USC, Thomas Cooper Library and David Cohen, College of Charleston. The SCLDF is composed of the library directors of South Carolina's public funded institutions of higher education. Other ex officio members include: State Library Director Jim Johnson, Commission on Higher Education staff member Lynn Kelley, and Presbyterian College library director Doug Anderson.

A Fond Farewell.....

On June 30, 2000 Spartanburg County Public Library bid a fond farewell to longtime Director Dennis L. Bruce. When he arrived in July of 1975 the library budget was \$406,006.00 and the collection totaled 198,773 items. Presently the library has an operating budget of \$6.5 million, a capital budget of \$1.9 million and a collection of 772,247 items, plus extensive online resources.



During Mr. Bruce's tenure, Spartanburg has seen an aggressive building campaign. Branches at seven locations were added, and new buildings constructed. A new building is currently underway in Chesnee, and plans are underway for new buildings in Cowpens, Landrum and Westside and for a renovation of the Woodruff Branch. In 1997 for the construction of the new Headquarters Library, Spartanburg was able to raise \$3.6 million in private donations. This effort was the second largest private fund-raising amount for a public library in the United States.

In 1979, the library began using the first automated circulation system in a public library in South Carolina and a year later joined SOLINET. Now the Headquarters Library is equipped with a state of the art multimedia system and fiber optic cabling to support their growing technological resources.

Thanks to Dennis Bruce's leadership, Spartanburg County has a library system that is a source of great pride to its employees and citizens.

Macaulay and DePass elected as SC Library Board Officers

Mrs. Maria B. Macaulay of West Union was recently elected as Chairman of the SC State Library Board. Prior her appointment by Governor Hodges, Mrs. Macaulay was the chairman of the Oconee County Library Board of Trustees. Mrs. Macaulay is a former president and current member of the Oconee County Friends of the Library. She is a substitute teacher at Walhalla High School and a graduate of the University of South Carolina. Mrs. Macaulay is married to 10th Circuit Court Judge Alex Macaulay.

Mrs. Susan B. DePass of Columbia was elected as board Vice-Chairman. Former Governor Beasley originally appointed Mrs. DePass in 1998. Mrs. DePass is currently the Media Specialist at Edward E. Taylor Elementary School. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and later returned to receive her Master's of Library and Information Science. Mrs. DePass is a member of the South Carolina Association of School Librarians and is active in many charitable causes. She is married to William B. DePass Jr., who is associated with Wilson Kibler Inc.

TICKET TO READ CAMPAIGN TO GO STATEWIDE IN THE FALL

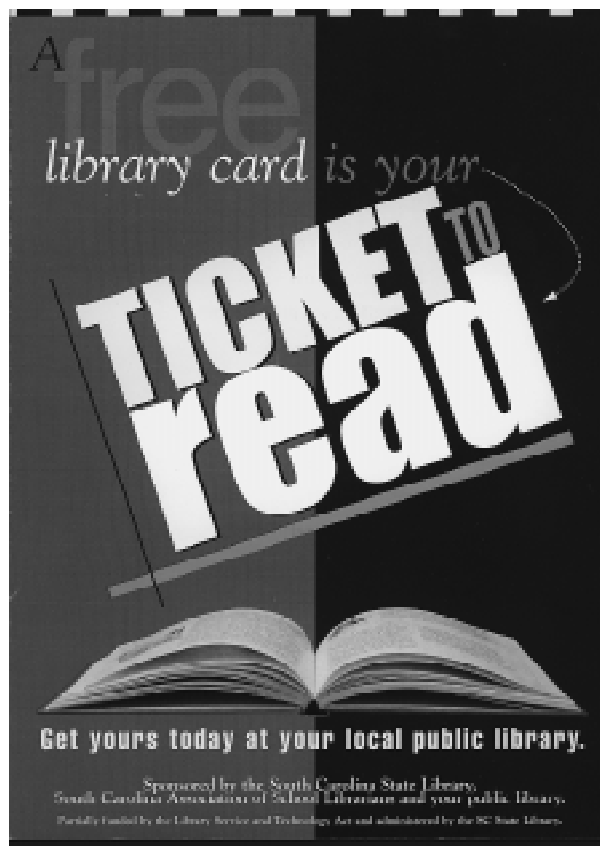
A library card campaign, using the theme, TICKET TO READ, aimed at elementary school children will be launched across the state in the fall of 2000. It will begin in mid-September and end during Children's Book Week in November. The campaign is co-sponsored by the South Carolina State Library and the South Carolina Association of School Librarians.

Each public elementary school in the state will receive attractive brochures for each student touting the benefits of having a public library card as well as posters for each classroom and a handbook. Public libraries are encouraged to work with their local schools to help make the campaign a success.

The campaign is designed to encourage elementary school children and their families to get each child a library card. It stresses the idea that having a card for their public library provides them with access to additional resources for school assignments as well as making library resources available to them year round.

The Ticket to Read campaign was piloted this spring in six counties—Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Newberry, Richland and Saluda. In the 25 schools that completed the evaluation over 1,650 children got new library cards. Books signed by First Lady Rachel Hodges will be sent in the fall to the ten schools that reported the highest participation rate. They were:

Annie Burnside Elementary School (Richland 1)
Gadsden Elementary School (Richland 1)
Leaphart Elementary School (Lexington 5)
Lexington Elementary School (Lexington 1)
Midway Elementary School (Lexington 1)
Nursery Road Elementary School (Lexington 1)
Red Bank Elementary School (Lexington 1)
River Springs Elementary School (Lexington 5)
Saluda River Academy of the Arts (Lexington 2)
Seven Oaks Elementary School (Lexington 5)



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SC Library Advocates Honored by ALA

The American Library Association and the Association for Library Trustees and Advocates announced the inaugural ALA/ALTA National Advocacy Honor Roll. This year ten South Carolinians were among the 300 honored at a gala dinner on July 7, at this year's ALA Conference in Chicago. The keynote speaker was screenwriter/director Gary Ross (*Pleasantville*), a former library trustee and avid library booster.

The purpose of the Honor Roll is to identify and celebrate those individuals who have actively supported and strengthened library services at the local, state and national levels over the last 100 years. Each state in the nation was asked to choose up to five advocates for the Honor Roll along with the names of up to five posthumous honorees. Beginning next year, the states will be invited to add one advocate each year to the Honor Roll ensuring the continued recognition of the vital role library advocates play in our society.

ALA/ALTA NATIONAL ADVOCACY HONOR ROLL

Posthumous Honorees

Nancy Jane Day - State Department of Education, School Library Supervisor

Alfred H. Rawlinson - University of South Carolina, Library Director

J. Mitchell Reames - Francis Marion College, Library Director

Estellene P. Walker - South Carolina State Library, State Librarian

Wayne S. Yenawine - University of South Carolina, College of Librarianship, Dean

Living Honorees

Margaret Bundy - Lancaster County Library and State Library, Board Member and Chair

Margaret W. Ehrnhardt - State Department of Education, School Library Consultant (retired)

James B. Johnson, Jr. - South Carolina State Library, Director

Pat R. Scales - Governor's School for the Arts, Library/Media Specialist

Carl Stone - Anderson County Library, Library Director

Lexington County Wins ALA Grant

The Lexington County Public Library is the recipient of a \$2500 grant to participate in the *Between the Lions* outreach campaign. The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), gave the award to 20 libraries across the United States. *Between the Lions* is a multi-media initiative geared for 4 to 7 years old which began airing on PBS stations on April 3, 2000. In South Carolina the program is being broadcast on SCETV at 10:30 a.m. and repeated at 1:30 p.m. The daily, half hour series takes children and their families "between the lions" that stand on either side of the doors to an infinitely large, imaginary library where books come to life, prefixes have personalities and vowels sing their own sound.



The South Carolina project is a collaboration between Lexington, the State Library, South Carolina Educational Television, ALSC and the Parent Education Center, which serves at-risk children and their parents in the five Lexington school districts.

The Lexington Library has planned many activities in relationship to the program. The library will design workshops to show staff at daycare centers how to use the program as a springboard for reading activities, stressing the daily importance of reading. A similar program is planned for parents to encourage family literacy. Later this fall, Lexington hopes to work with Riverbanks Zoo to promote the program through a family literacy event to be held at the zoo.

Friday Night at the Library – A Successful YA Program

Andria L. Amaral, Young Adult Librarian, Charleston County Public Library.

6:00 Friday-the front doors are locked and the staff is walking to their cars. The books sit quietly on the shelves, the printers are silent, the library is empty. Except that is, for the auditorium, where the music of Britney Spears mixes with the chatter and laughter of teenage voices, and the smell of pizza and popcorn fills the air. What's going on? It's That Friday Movie Thing, a monthly event at the main branch of the Charleston County Public Library. On the last Friday of every month from January to July, teens gather for pizza, movies, and "after hours" fun.

The program was developed with the help from TeenLAB, the Teen Advisory Board, which is made up of approximately 25 middle and high school students from the Charleston area. At their monthly meetings, they vote on which movie to show (movies have included "Men in Black" "Independence Day" and "The Sixth Sense"), and board members take turns with everything from set-up to clean up. Two staff members and a security guard are on hand at all times.

From 6:00 to 6:30, teens help themselves to pizza, chips and other snacks, which are provided by the Friends of the Library. A TeenLab member acts as a DJ and plays selections from popular CDs. Recently, other "labbies" have taken on the role of host and hostesses, introducing themselves to teens attending for the first time. At 6:30, the lights go down and the movie begins.

Halfway through the film we break for a half-hour intermission. During this time, teens may stay in the auditorium and talk with their friends - or they can come into the library, check out books, and participate in a treasure hunt. For many, this is the best part of the night. They are thrilled to have the library to themselves. Teams of teenagers go through the stacks with excitement as they use the online catalog to solve clues and find hidden bookmarks. They are having great fun and they don't even realize that they are learning library skills! After a winner is declared and prizes are distributed, we return to the auditorium for the rest of the movie. The program is over by 9:00.

Since That Friday Movie Thing started in March 1999, over 500 area teenagers have spent Friday nights at the library, with attendance growing each month. At our most recent TFMT, an audience of 75 showed for "The Haunting." I think the most important function of the program is that being in the building after hours makes the library seem less intimidating and more fun. It also has fostered friendly relationships between staff and those often difficult to reach library patrons.

For more information about TFMT or other, YA programs please contact
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South Carolina's Virtual Library

Update

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DISCUS Databases Receive High Marks

Librarians gave the current DISCUS databases high marks on the DISCUS Database Satisfaction Survey conducted during February/March 2000. The survey, sent to every school, college and public library, assessed satisfaction with the content, search capabilities, ease of use and response time of the InfoTrac, Grolier and SIRS databases. Based on this positive assessment, the DISCUS Database Assessment Committee has recommended that these databases be renewed for calendar year 2001.

Evaluation of the usefulness of the GaleNet databases was inconclusive since over 40% of respondents had not yet used these databases at the time of the survey. These databases (DIScovering Most-Studied Authors and What Do I Read Next?) were added to DISCUS in January 2000 as a renewal bonus from the Gale Group, producer of InfoTrac.

Survey respondents were generally satisfied with the database training provided by vendors and the South Carolina State Library. However, results show that training efforts must continue in order to reach the library staff of all participating institutions.

The survey also identified several subject areas for future database additions should additional funds become available to DISCUS. Top priorities identified by all types of libraries include -- biography, current events and newspapers, literature, and science and technology. The DISCUS Database Assessment Committee and the South Carolina State Library continue to plan for the expansion of DISCUS resources.

PARTNERING WITH PUBLIC LIBRARIES TO SERVE PRINT-DISABLED PATRONS

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), Library of Congress held its Biennial National Conference April 30 – May 4 in Southern California. The NLS network consists of 57 regional and 81 subregional libraries throughout the United States. The Department for the Blind and Physically Handicapped serves as South Carolina's regional library.

Below is a summary of methods used by some NLS network libraries to partner with public libraries to improve library services:

- **Cassette Book Machine Deposit Collections:**
Designated county libraries sign an agreement with the regional library to serve as a local area depository for exchange of cassette players. Talking book patrons may take a non-working regional library provided cassette player to their local library and receive a replacement, eliminating the wait for one to arrive through the mail. A tracking/circulation system is used by the public library. Monthly statistics are submitted to the regional library.
- **Seminar for New Patrons:**
Local libraries serve as the site for an annual seminar that reinforces the basics of using the talking books program. The seminar is sponsored and hosted by the regional library. Invitations are mailed to new patrons in the target area.
- **Summer Reading:**
Public libraries are notified of talking book readers, in their service area, registered for the regional library's summer reading program. The local library then considers the children as participants in their local summer reading programs. The regional library supplies the local library with a copy of the child's summer reading log. Talking and Braille books read by the child make him eligible for whatever prizes are being offered through the public library's summer reading program.
- **Talking Books Deposit Collections:**
Local libraries maintain a collection (size is determined by the local library) of talking books. Patrons registered for the services of the regional library, or their family members, may visit the public library and check out talking books.
- **Other Methods:**
Public libraries may consider sponsoring a quarterly event that showcases a special service. This provides opportunity to explain other services offered for people with disabilities. For example: obtain public performance rights and have a showing of a described movie; invite a mobility instructor from the state's Commission for the Blind to give a hands on demo of mobility techniques; or invite librarians with successful programs for people with disabilities to share their experiences.

These partnerships are helpful to both local libraries and regional libraries. They make a statement to the print-disabled community that public libraries want to serve all readers, regardless of their physical abilities. More than 22 million recorded and Braille books and magazines were circulated to a readership of 764,000 in 1999.

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September 2000

Library Card Sign-Up Month

September 23, 2000

Friends of South Carolina Libraries
Annual Meeting, Columbia

September 23-30, 2000

Banned Books Week

October 15-21, 2000

Teen Read Week

October 28, 2000

SCLA One Day Conference, Columbia

For local literary events, check the
Palmetto Book Alliance Website:

[http:// www.state.sc.us/scsl/lib.pba.html](http://www.state.sc.us/scsl/lib.pba.html)

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