

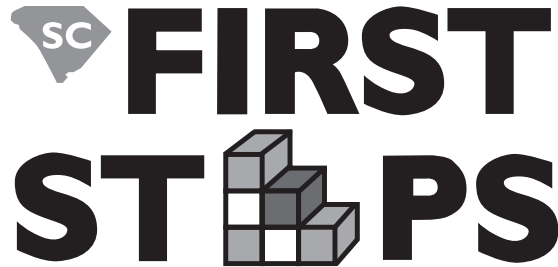


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News For South Carolina Libraries

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Public libraries in South Carolina have a unique opportunity to make significant gains in the provision of services to preschool aged children.

In the last legislative session, the General Assembly approved Governor Jim Hodges' initiative, the First Steps to School Readiness Act. Public libraries and the State Library are mentioned prominently in the Act.

First Steps is a comprehensive program designed to improve early childhood development programs through county partnerships. It is designed as a public-private partnership. A total of \$20 million was appropriated for FY2000.

The goals for First Steps are to:

1. Provide parents with access to the support they might seek and want to strengthen their families and to promote the optimal development of their preschool children.
2. Increase comprehensive services so children have reduced risk for major physical, developmental, and learning problems.
3. Promote high quality preschool programs that provide a healthy environment that will promote normal growth and development.
4. Provide services so all children receive the protection, nutrition, and health care needed to thrive in the early years of life so they arrive at school ready to learn.
5. Mobilize communities to focus efforts on providing enhanced services to support families and their young children to enable every child to reach school healthy and ready to learn.

Public libraries can use the partnerships they have developed over the years to make a difference in the lives of the children in their communities.

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

The State Library Board at its September 23, 1999 meeting approved a state budget request for FY2001, which includes two public library items.

This is the final year to reach the \$2 per capita goal for State Aid in the year 2000. The General Assembly will be asked to increase State Aid by 14 cents per capita. This \$448,845 request would increase State Aid from \$1.86 to \$2 per capita. The minimum grant per county would remain at \$40,000.

There is a tremendous need for new public library construction and renovation of existing public library buildings. The State Library estimates that there will be a need of 910,000

sq. ft of new construction and 99,000 sq. ft. of renovated space during the next five years. The State Library is seeking the establishment of a public library construction program. We are requesting \$3 million to begin this program.



Library directors, boards, and Friends groups should begin developing information on how these requests would help your library. We will need to share these with legislators when the General Assembly returns in January.

FOSCL Holds Annual Meeting

The Friends of South Carolina Libraries (FOSCL) presented several awards at its annual membership meeting in Columbia on September 18. The Outstanding Trustee Award went to Ruby Crook for her work on the Lexington County Library Board of Trustees. The Outstanding Business Award was presented to Crawley's Country Cloggers for their support of the Boiling Springs Branch Library. The Friends of the Woodruff Branch Library received the Outstanding Program Award for the annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. Sally Culp, recently retired from the Spartanburg County Public Libraries, received the Outstanding Staff Award for her support of the Friends of the Inman Branch Library.



Pictured left: Bob and Wanda Crawley of Crawley's Country Cloggers receive the Outstanding Business Award from Shirley Howell, President of FOSCL.

Pictured right: Charlie Band, Librarian of the Irmo Branch Library with Ruby Crook, recipient of FOSCL's Outstanding Trustee Award.



News from Around the State

Bamberg County Library

Carol Ann Bunch is the newly appointed manager of the Bamberg County Library which is a member of the Aiken-Bamberg-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library.

Beaufort County Library

The Beaufort County Library has opened a Homework Center for middle and high school students. The Center is staffed by trained tutors and funded by the local Friends of the Library. For additional information see: http://www.co.beaufort.sc.us/library/beaufort_homework.htm

Charleston County Library

Receipts from the September annual book sale of the Friends of the Charleston County Public Library totalled \$85,000.

Clarendon County Library

Marilyn Tsirigotis became the director of the Harvin Clarendon Library on July 1, 1999. She previously was reference librarian at the Sumter County Library. Mrs. Tsirigotis was the 1999 recipient of the Shirley Olofson Memorial Award presented by the American Library Association (ALA). The cash award is based upon an individual's activities in state and national professional associations. She currently serves as co-chair of the Mentoring Committee of the New Members Round Table of ALA.

Colleton County Library

Colleton County Memorial Library has created a reading and discussion series with the assistance of Dr. Peter Mailloux of The Citadel. ***It's a Mad, Mad, World: Visions of the Way We Are ... Maybe*** explores five contemporary novels. The books will be donated to the SC Humanities Council for use by other libraries.

Lexington County Library

The Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library of the Lexington County Library reopened after undergoing renovations of more than \$400,000. The facelift was the first since the library opened more than 34 years

ago. Ground breaking ceremonies for the new Pelion Branch Library were held on August 30.

McCormick County Library

Bobby F. Edmonds, a member of the McCormick County Library Board of Trustees, has written and published a local history, entitled ***The Making of McCormick County*** (See Caroliniana column for bibliographic information.)

Richland County Public Library

C. David Warren, Executive Director of the Richland County Public Library, was elected Chair of the Buildings and Equipment Section of the International Federation of Library Associations at its recent conference in Bangkok, Thailand. He also presented a paper, entitled ***Designing Libraries to Meet Future Needs: The Experience of a South Carolina, USA, Public Library*** at the conference. He also moderated a meeting of Library Friends and Advocates and made one of three presentations.

USC Libraries

Alan Ringwood is the new music cataloger at USC's Thomas Cooper Library.

Historic Films Archive of East Hampton, New York, has donated \$100,000 to the USC Film Library to establish an endowment for the preservation of the library's news film collection.

The University of South Carolina's Film Library is the recipient of a \$16,000 film preservation grant from the American Film Institute's Challenge Grant series. The award will help preserve endangered Fox newsreel footage from 32 reels depicting the Balkan region from 1924 to 1930.

York County Library

As a way of saying "Thank You" to its users, the York County Library hosted five Customer Appreciation Days at each of its locations during the fall.

Although the concept of DISCUS — South Carolina’s Virtual Library may be new to schools, which have recently joined academic and public libraries as DISCUS participants, their students, from elementary through high school, have eagerly put these resources to good use.

Martha Taylor, Media Specialist for Starr Elementary School in Anderson School District 3, describes student use of DISCUS resources in her school: “Recently, a fourth grade class entered a recycling contest at the Anderson County Fair. Using SIRS Discoverer and InfoTrac Kids’ Edition, the students were quickly able to access and retrieve lots of current facts about recycling.”

The Value of DISCUS In Our Schools

Carol Podmore of York Junior High School agreed, saying: “*We loved DISCUS last year,... [and] used it frequently. One strength is that it allows the students to ‘use the Internet’ but provides reliable information,... especially for some of our students researching UFO’s, Stonehenge, and [related topics of scientific mystery].*”

Even students in high school choose DISCUS as a primary source of information. *At Paul M. Dorman High School in Spartanburg, Media Specialist Susan Fitzgerald* finds that DISCUS is appropriate for students with varying skill levels, from special needs students to academically gifted students. She reports, “*DISCUS is helping to build self-esteem in our computer timid students.*” DISCUS resources are updated frequently, and in some databases, daily. This currency is especially important to this high school’s JROTC, as they research “hot spots” around the world. Time sensitive issues result in research being done almost exclusively in DISCUS. “*The information was so up to date. I found everything I needed, and it was so much quicker,*” said *Marques Whitmire, a junior, in Mrs. Pearson-Goode’s Honors Government Class. Jared Richardson, a junior, said, “All the information was right there at your fingertips. All topics were included on one site and you can print it out.”*

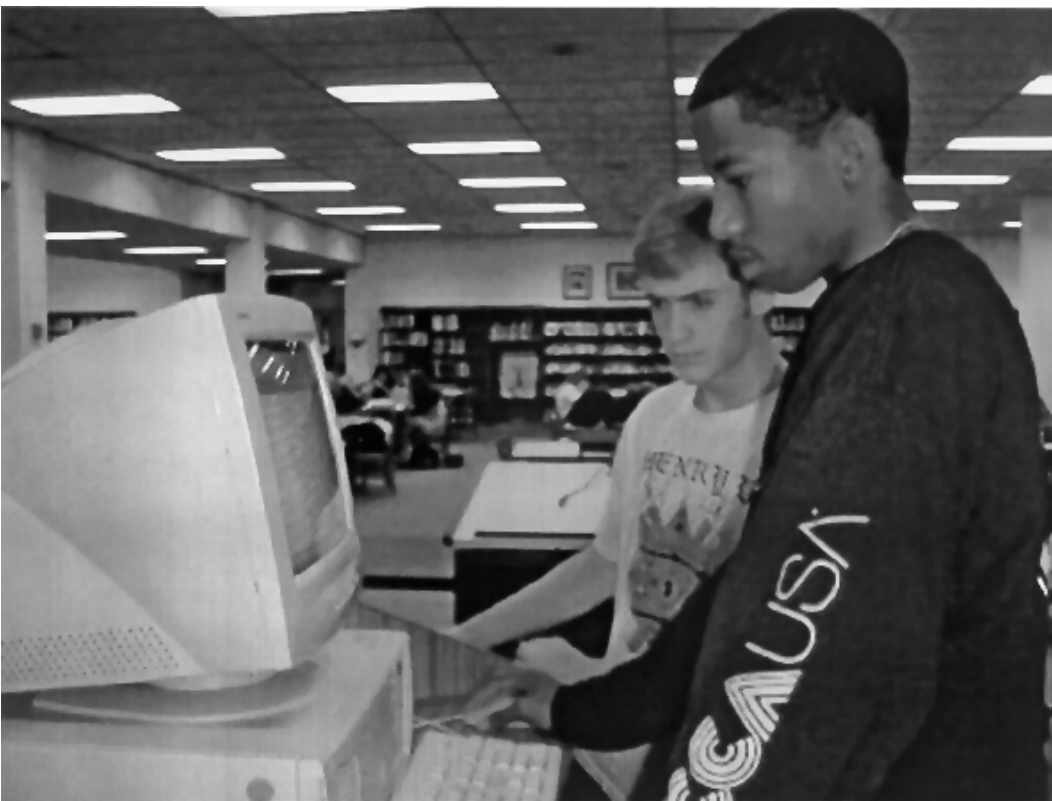
Alternately, many students enjoy sending the full text of articles appearing in SIRS and InfoTrac to their home via Internet email accounts, which saves paper, speeds the research process, and allows other students to access school computers quickly. From literature searches to educational competitions, DISCUS resources help students find information on a wide range of topics, to support every aspect of learning. The best part of using DISCUS is that it makes performing research fun and provides students with skills they can build on throughout their lives.

DISCUS provides access to
SIRS topical databases,
Grolier Online
encyclopedias, and InfoTrac
periodical databases for
academic and public
libraries, and K-12 schools.
For more information, please
see the DISCUS Project
Home page: [http://
www.state.sc.us/scsl/discus](http://www.state.sc.us/scsl/discus)

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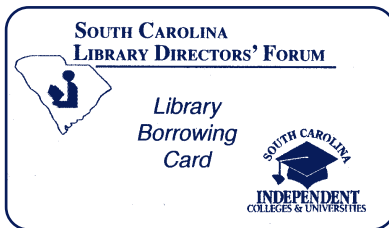
Recently, a fourth grade class entered a recycling contest at the Anderson County Fair. Using SIRS Discoverer and InfoTrac Kids' Edition, the students were quickly able to access and retrieve lots of current facts about recycling. (Pictured: Students from Starr Elementary School in Anderson School District 3)



"The information was so up to date. I found everything I needed, and it was so much quicker," said Marques Whitmire, a junior, in Mrs. Pearson-Goode's Honors Government Class at Paul M. Dorman High School in Spartanburg. (Left to right: Michael Abraham and Marques Whitmire)

SC Academic Libraries Agree on Statewide Borrowing Card

Interlibrary cooperation among South Carolina's academic libraries has taken a giant step forward. All public institutions of higher education and all independent colleges in the State affiliated with the South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities have committed themselves to implementing the South Carolina Statewide Library Borrowing Agreement.



Under the terms of the agreement, individuals are issued a statewide borrower card by their institutional library. The agreement specifies that the terms for lending to students who are borrowing from a library other than their own institutional library shall be established by the lending library. Tom McNally and staff of the Thomas Cooper Library of USC created a website containing the institutional policies. The URL for the website is:

<http://www.sc.edu/library/stateborrow.html>

The agreement is an initiative of the Library Directors' Forum of the SC Commission on Higher Education and the SC Independent Colleges and University Librarians' Group. Tom Basler of the Medical University of SC championed the idea, and the initial draft agreement was prepared by Margaret Green of Spartanburg Technical College and Deb Babel of Clemson University. Oakley Coburn of Wofford College was the liaison between the public and the private institutions.

Step Into Reading

After reading about a book distribution program for young children in another state, John Baker, chair of the Richland County Public Library Board, decided that a similar program was needed in South Carolina. The result was the formation of Step into Reading. Spearheaded by Baker, the fledgling organization began a statewide book drive in October, which will last until mid-November. Piggly Wiggly stores, Carolina First banks, and McDonald's restaurants agreed to be drop-off locations for donations of new or used picture books. UPS agreed to transport the books collected. The books will be distributed by several agencies working with at-risk families. This is just the first of numerous efforts to ensure that all young children in South Carolina grow up with books in their homes.

Improving Service to Children

Nine public libraries in South Carolina have been awarded an LSTA grant for improving Service to Children. The grants address a variety of challenges from providing service to child care centers and trying to reach new babies and their parents to planning for the 21st century.

Recognizing the increased Hispanic population in the Hilton Head area, **Beaufort County Library** will target this population with a family literacy project that will assist parents in gaining literacy skills while providing Spanish language story programs and establishing deposit collections of children's books in Spanish at selected sites.

Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library will award, "We Read to Our Children Everyday" banners to child care centers that complete a form that tracks daily reading to children. Parents of babies will also participate and can earn free books by keeping track of reading to their babies. **Lexington County Library** is partnering with Reach Out and Read and the parenting center based in Lexington School District One to ensure families have books and read to babies. **Horry County Library** will

collaborate with the Horry County Schools to provide all new parents with a packet about reading and a free book before the mother leaves the hospital. They will also work with other reading initiatives within the county.

Darlington County Library received another year of funding to continue a project extending services to child care centers within the county. They will also receive funding to phase in an additional children's librarian position to make expanded services to young children possible. **Richland County Public Library** will work intensively with a small group of low income child care centers to train staff to use books throughout the daily program to see if the one-on-one relationship with a center brings long-term increases in book use.

Spartanburg County Library will work to improve and expand programming in the library branches by providing each location with a core collection of resource materials for staff use. This need was identified as a result of the library undertaking a planning process for Children's Services. **Sumter County Library** received funding for a consultant to help with planning for future growth and identifying goals and objectives for improving service to children.

Reading With Rachel

South Carolina's First Lady, Rachel Hodges, brought her Reading with Rachel program to the new Williamsburg County Library in Kingstree on August 31. This is the first public library setting for this reading awareness program. Channie Powell, Children's Librarian at the library said, "First Lady Mrs. Rachel Hodges' visit to the Williamsburg County Library was very impressive. Mrs. Hodges read **Nana Upstairs and Nana Downstairs** by Tomie dePaola. The children enjoyed meeting her and expressed how much they enjoyed listening to her read."

The event was combined with an installation of Mrs. Barbara Gadegbeku of Kingstree as a member of the State Library Board.



Mrs. Hodges will bring Reading with Rachel to Conway, headquarters of the Horry County Library, on November 16.

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2nd Annual Public Library Trustee Institute

January 14-15, 2000 --- Adam's Mark Hotel, Columbia, SC

The Institute, sponsored by the SC State Library, seeks to focus on real problems which board members and library directors face every day and to develop practical approaches and solutions to those problems.

JIM FLECK from Indiana promises to be a very enthusiastic, entertaining, and energetic leader for this year's Institute. Fleck is well-known in the library community, having worked extensively with the American Library Association and a wide variety of state library agencies and individual libraries around the country. He has served as president of the Indiana Library Trustee Association and is an author of several popular books for libraries, including *The Library Story* and *The Wizard's Media Handbook*. Jim is a successful attorney, business owner, former judge, and a library trustee. A graduate of Indiana University and its law school with a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree, he has served in leadership roles in commerce, government, the community, and his church. Because of his background, Jim knows that successful training for trustees involves more than theoretical concepts. He promises to bring you successful practices including principles that have been tested over time, in the real world.

The American Library Trustee Association president, Ruth Newell-Minor has identified education as a priority for trustees: **"As we move toward the end of the 20th century, it is important for trustees to continue their education, especially in the areas of new technology. In the coming year, I look forward to addressing this and other issues of concern to trustees."**

"Trustees are the library leaders of the community. As a library trustee, you automatically become an advocate, and it is important you mention your library everywhere you go. Remember that as trustees, you are the specialists on library issues and you should know your community's needs and wants in library service. Most importantly, you should also know what they can afford. As a member of your community and as a library trustee, you should be available to attend all community fund-raisers, grand openings and ribbon cuttings to represent your library."

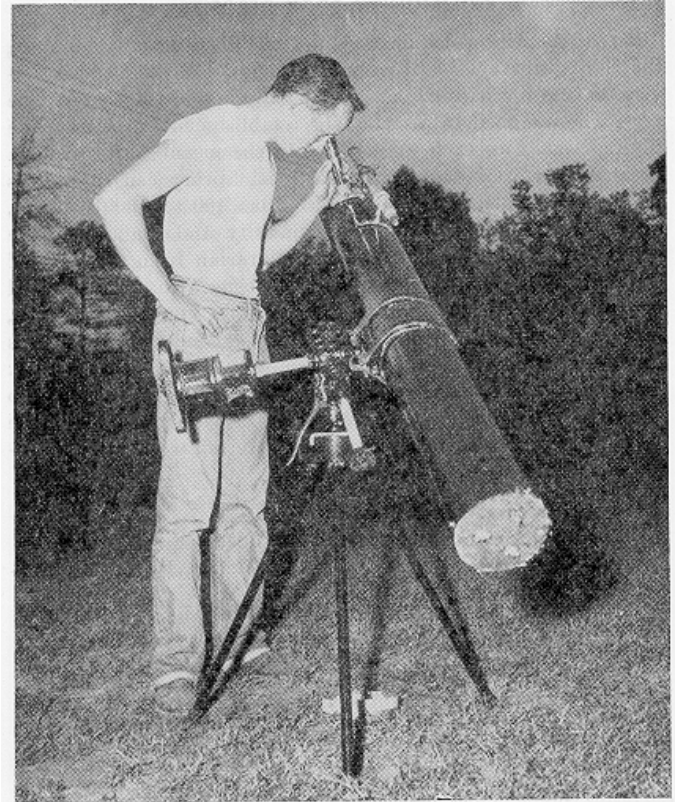
We hope the 2nd annual Public Library Trustee Institute will help South Carolina trustees to further their knowledge about trusteeship and public libraries in an atmosphere of collegiality. So please mark January 14-15 on your calendar now—and watch for registration information and program details in the coming months.



Our Heritage of Library Service

No library can possibly have all the books and information which users might request. Throughout its history, the South Carolina State Library has encouraged the use of interlibrary loan to meet citizen's information needs. In 1957, the State Library established its Reference and Interlibrary Loan Service with federal funds from the Library Services Act.

The service included personnel, materials and services to enhance local libraries' abilities to provide



Books to Explain the Universe

Patron of Anderson County (S. C.) Library with Telescope he built with the aid of books from his local library obtained through the State Library Board Reference and Interlibrary Loan service.

BOOKS AND INFORMATION

not in this library
may be obtained for you

through the
**S. C. STATE LIBRARY BOARD'S
REFERENCE AND INTERLIBRARY LOAN SERVICE**

Ask your librarian



quality reference service. The State Library's materials collection of specialized non-fiction and other research materials was developed to support local libraries. Since 1957, the State Library has sent to local libraries more than 1,500,000 items from its collections for use by citizens.

An early sign displayed in every public library in the state called the library patron's attention to the larger library resources available to him through the State Library Board.

Institutions and agencies whose clientele includes blind or physically handicapped persons and who meet service eligibility guidelines may receive free talking book service. Such may include hospitals, retirement homes, nursing homes, and rehabilitation centers.

A request for talking book service may come from an institution on behalf of its eligible clientele. The director or designee of the institution must complete and return an institutional application form. The South Carolina State Library, Department for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (DBPH) follows up with telephone and correspondence contacts. On approval of the application, the institution is placed on a mailing list for catalogs and other publications that announce available talking book titles.

Talking Book Services to Institutions

Guynell Williams, Director,
Services for the Blind and
Physically Handicapped. Email:
guynell@leo.scsli.state.sc.us
Telephone: 1-800-922-7818 or
(803) 898-5900

Talking books, cassette players and accessories are provided on loan by the DBPH. A specific staff member of an institution should be assigned responsibility for materials provided and keep the DBPH informed of changing needs and personnel.

Cassette players assigned to an institution are based on the number of eligible users to be served and the setting in which the players will be used. One machine for an average of six users is standard. Accessories, such as amplified headsets, are provided where need is demonstrated.

Institutions with eligible persons who find it difficult to enjoy talking books in a group setting may complete and submit individual application forms. On acceptance of the application by the DBPH, such persons will be provided individual service.

Note: Call the DBPH for additional information or for institutional and individual application forms.

Caroliniana

Carlisle, H. A. **The history of Lowndesville, South Carolina.** (Reprint of 1987 ed.) Reprint Co., 1999. 414p. \$32.50.

Edmonds, Bobby F. **The making of McCormick County.** Cedar Hill Unltd. (Rt. 1, Box 2, McCormick, SC 29835), 1999. 447p. \$40.00.

Justus, Adalu. **The storyteller house.** J. Ike Books (P. O. Box 8028, Sumter, SC 29150), 1999. 179p. \$13.50. (young adult fiction)

Katonak, Brian. **A local's guide to South Carolina's best kept dining secrets.** Sandlapper Publishing, 1999. 243p. \$12.95.

McClellan, E. P., Jr. **The ghost of Castle Pinckney: a Charlestonian's true tales of his boyhood on a harbor island.** Narwhal Press, 1998. 106p. \$14.95. (juvenile level)

Meredith, Angela. **Baskets of gold: preserving an African-American tradition.** (videorecording) Trident Productions, Inc., 1998. 20 mins. \$24.95.

Mitchell, Faith. **Hoodoo medicine: Gullah herbal remedies.** Rev. ed. Summerhouse Press, 1998. 112p. \$15.00.

Monte, Emily C. **The lost sword of the Confederate ghost: a mystery in two centuries.** White Mane Kids, 1998. 108p. \$5.99. (juvenile fiction)

Moore, John Hammond. **Southern homefront, 1861-1865.** Summerhouse Press, 1998. 303p. \$24.95.

Roberts, Nancy. **Blackbeard's cat.** Narwhal Press, 1999. 96p. \$9.95. (juvenile fiction)

Robertson, David. **Denmark Vesey.** A. A. Knopf, 1999. 202p. \$23.00.

Swagger, Christine R. **Black crows & white cockades.** Southern Heritage Press, 1999. 195p. \$12.95. (juvenile fiction)

Todras, Ellen H. **Angelina Grimke: voice of abolition.** Linnnet, 1999. 178p. \$25.00. (juvenile level)

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December 1-3

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Annual Conference
Hilton Head, SC

January 14-15, 2000

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Columbia, SC

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

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