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DISCUS Adds Two New Databases



South Carolina's Virtual Library

DISCUS – South Carolina's Virtual Library is pleased to announce the addition of two new databases: a comprehensive biographical database and a full-text newspaper database. These resources were selected by the DISCUS Database Assessment Committee to meet the information needs identified by schools and libraries. They are funded through the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) as a pilot initiative to expand DISCUS resources.

Biography Resource Center and *The Complete Marquis Who's Who (GaleNet)* is a comprehensive source for biographical information on over one million people from all time periods and disciplines. It provides full-text narrative biographies from over 70 authoritative biographical publications, one million entries from Marquis Who's Who sources, biographical articles from almost 250 periodicals, and other features.

InfoTrac Custom Newspapers is a special package created for DISCUS that includes full-text articles from *The State*, May 1999+, *Charlotte Observer*, February 2000+ and the latest 90 days of *The New York Times*. Updated daily, articles can be retrieved by title, headline, text words, date, author, section, and other access points.

Both databases are accessible from the Internet PCs of all South Carolina public libraries, colleges, public schools and participating private schools. They are also available from the home or office Internet accounts of all South Carolinians using instructions obtained from their school, college or public library.

The Database Assessment Committee has also advised the State Library to renew all existing DISCUS databases for 2001. These are the InfoTrac periodical databases, GaleNet reference databases, SIRS topical databases and Grolier Online encyclopedias. These DISCUS resources are funded by a \$1.5 million General Assembly appropriation with supplemental funding from LSTA.

For more information about DISCUS, see: <http://www.state.sc.us/scsl/discus/>
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<http://www.state.sc.us/scsl/>

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

Funding for the third full year of DISCUS was included in the FY2001 State Appropriations Act. The current funding level is \$1.5 million.

The South Carolina State Library, when it first sought funds for DISCUS, said it would not request additional funds until we had time to properly evaluate the databases and their use. Recently, the DISCUS Database Assessment Committee conducted a DISCUS database satisfaction survey. Based upon this survey, the Committee recommended that:



- Existing databases be renewed for 2001
- Consideration be given to adding new databases in the areas of biography, current events and newspapers, literature, and science and technology if funding is available

Existing databases have been renewed and a 16-month pilot of *Biography Resource Center* from Gale Group will begin in September 2000. The new database will be funded by the Library Services and Technology Act. Gale is including InfoTrac Custom Newspapers at no cost.

The South Carolina State Library will conduct a major promotional effort involving DISCUS beginning this fall. The State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) bloodhounds were used in a DISCUS public service announcement. Watch for it.

The South Carolina State Library's budget request for FY 2001 will include an additional \$500,000 for DISCUS. In less than three years, DISCUS has become an important information tool for library patrons throughout the state, regardless of the type of library they use. As this request makes its way through the budgetary process, it is important for librarians, board members, staff and patrons to communicate to members of the General Assembly what effect DISCUS is having on them. With your help, we will be able to justify a significant increase in DISCUS funding.

Fairfield Leads the Way

The South Carolina State Library is pleased to announce that Fairfield County Library is the first South Carolina public library to make **ALL** of the DISCUS databases available to their cardholders from their home Internet accounts. Since last Fall, South Carolina libraries and schools have been able to give their users home access to the InfoTrac periodical databases and the GaleNet reference databases, *DISCovering Authors* and *What Do I Read Next*. Fairfield is now able to link their users to the SIRS topical databases and the Grolier Online encyclopedias from their home Internet accounts.

Fairfield is the first of the ten public library systems to implement this "remote patron authentication" system which was funded by a federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant administered by the State Library. Nine other South Carolina public libraries were also awarded grants to enable this service.

Sometimes the smallest libraries can accomplish the biggest things first!

Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library

The Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library was the recipient of the largest monetary gift ever given to a South Carolina library by an individual. Mrs. Mary Boardman Cox bequeathed \$214,118.67 in her will to the library. Library Director Prudence Taylor said the board would be devising a plan this year to decide how to use the funds that will benefit the library system over several years.

Anderson County

Library Director Carl Stone recently accepted an award of \$50,000 from the Scripps Howard Foundation for use in the new library, scheduled to open September 24. A portion of the award will be used to commission a sculpture, entitled "The Future," for placement in the library's permanent public art collection.

Dillon County

Col. Joseph Griffin, Jr. has retired after 17 years as a member of the Dillon County Library Board of Trustees, the last 11 years as chairman. He has seen the expansion of the system, including the implementation of an automated circulation system. He was also involved in the move of the new headquarters library from Latta to Dillon.

Georgetown County

Ms. Melanie Muller was recently appointed Assistant Director of the Georgetown County Library System. Ms. Muller's previous experience includes Florida's Brevard County Library System from 1988 to 1999, where she worked in technical services, extension services and as a reference librarian. She has a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Central Florida and a Master of Business Administration from Florida Metropolitan University. She is currently completing her Master of Library Science degree from Florida State University through its distance learning program.

Greenville County

The Board of Trustees of the Greenville County Library has selected Beverly A. James of Roanoke, Virginia, as the new Executive Director of the Greenville County Library. Her previous experience includes Branch Services Director of the Charlotte & Mecklenburg Public Library from 1984 to 1988. She is currently the Director of Libraries for the City of Roanoke. Ms. James will begin her new position in Greenville on September 18, 2000.

Lexington County

Ms. Jennifer Chandler has been named the Senior Branch Librarian for the Lexington Main Branch Library. Ms. Chandler is returning to Columbia from Georgia College and State University Library where she was the Coordinator of Reference Services. She was previously employed at Lexington as the Systems Librarian from 1997-1998.

McCormick County

The State Legislature appropriated \$800,000 for a new library in downtown McCormick. The present location of the library is in the basement of a county office building. Library Director Dianne Purdy said a new location has not been selected, but the building committee is looking at the downtown area.

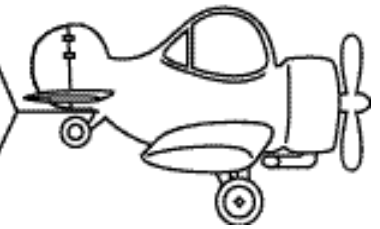
South Carolina State Library

Curtis Rogers, Continuing Education Coordinator, has been named to the board of the ALA Continuing Library Education Network and Exchange (CLENE) Round Table. He will also serve as the chair of the Electronic Publications Committee.

Correction:

In the July/August issue of *News for South Carolina Libraries*, Anderson County Library Director Carl Stone was inadvertently not listed as a recipient of the ALA/ALTA National Advocacy Honor Roll as a Living Honoree.

Coming This Fall



Pay close attention to your TV and radio this fall. SCETV and the South Carolina State Library have teamed up to bring you a new promotional campaign for DISCUS, the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and the Palmetto Book Alliance.

Earlier this year, SCETV and the State Library began to explore ways to promote DISCUS to school children and the public. The result is a new public service announcement (psa) that will debut this fall. It will feature the famous SLED Bloodhounds "sniffing out information" in all the wrong places,



SCETV crew invades Fairfield County Library

only to find what he is looking for on DISCUS at his public library. The spot was filmed on location at the Fairfield County Public Library in Winnsboro. Director Sarah McMaster, her staff and patrons were gracious and good-humored hosts. Many thanks also go out to the very patient SLED agents and, of course to Moses, the new "DISCUS Dog."



Kelly Ward and Jeff Carter
with Moses

The psa will air on SCETV, other commercial stations and on the internal school channel.

South Carolina Educational Radio is spotlighting the State Library during September and October. Doug Keel, producer of "An Educational Minute," will air one-minute spots on selected dates at 6:49 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Spots feature the statewide DISCUS project and children's services offered by the Library's Department for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Also covered will be "Letters about Literature," a program of the Palmetto Book Alliance and the "South Carolina Reference Room," found on the State Library's web site. On October 16, Mr. Keel will involve the State Library in his program, "Speaking of Schools." An entire program devoted to the State Library will air on January 22, 2001.

On October 24, we will dedicate the new location for the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped with an open house and reception. Patrons of the library, volunteers, associates from related agencies providing services to South Carolinians with disabilities and state dignitaries will be invited.

More information about these and other events will be featured in future issues of *News for South Carolina Libraries*.

Lucinda M. Kress, Director of Public Information

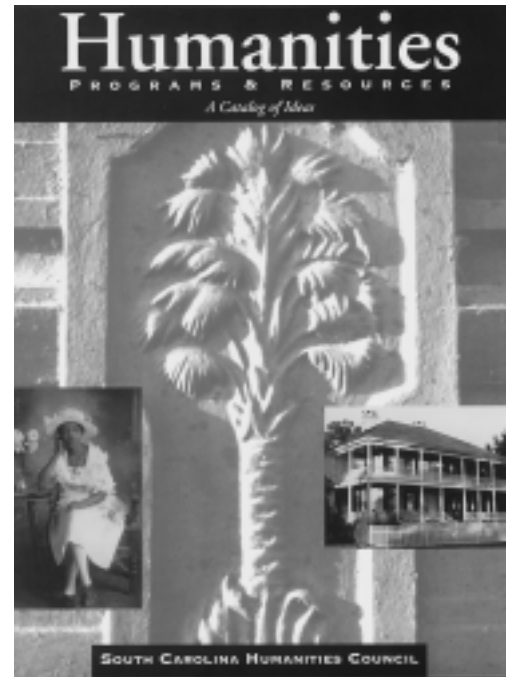
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Literary Arts Update

A Catalog of Ideas

Over the years, the South Carolina Humanities Council has built and maintained a substantial list of permanent in-house programming that has become the backbone of adult programming in our state's public libraries. Included are the popular Let's Talk About It book discussion series, a Resource Center filled with audio/visual materials available for checkout, and the newly revamped Speakers Bureau.

For the first time, these diverse offerings have been brought together in a new informational publication, *Humanities Programs and Resources: A Catalog of Ideas*. This twenty-five-page brochure has already been distributed to libraries, arts councils, universities and other non-profits around the state and is sure to help increase the number and quality of adult programming in South Carolina. If you have not already received a copy of this catalog for your library, wish to receive additional copies, or if you are ready to jump start adult programming in your library, please contact Bruce Lane at (803) 691-4100 or bruceshc@aol.com.



Fall Discussion Series around South Carolina

Autumn is upon us, and libraries are gearing up for another round of Let's Talk About It reading and discussion series:

Lexington County's Irmo Branch Library will be tackling "Remember Everything: The Importance of Heritage in South Carolina Literature" from late September through November. This series includes works by South Carolina authors Josephine Humphreys, Pat Conroy, Ben Robertson, Charles Joyner, and Carol Bleser, and it is the Irmo Library's first LTAI program in its new location. For details, please contact the library at (803) 781-7835.

The Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library, which has recently hosted previous LTAI series, will be adding a little suspense to their patrons' reading lists with "I Love a Mystery" this September through November. Novels in this lineup include works by Tony Hillerman, Peter Lovesay, South Carolina resident Mickey Spillane, and two "Rumpole" books by John Mortimer. For more information, please call (864) 941-4650.

The Oconee County Library continues its long history of fall LTAI series with "Growing Up in America," running from October through November. This series created by the Chapin Memorial Library and donated for use by other public libraries, features books by Jill McCorkle, Michael Dorris, Gary Soto and James Baldwin. For further details, please call (864) 638-4133.

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Lexington Building Program a Success

Dan MacNeill, Director, Lexington County Public Library.

An unprecedented building program for the Lexington County Public Library was brought to a successful conclusion with the opening of the new Pelion Branch Library on June 21, 2000. What began in November of 1994 with the approval of a \$9.7 million bond for library construction has resulted in six new buildings and one renovated building.

In 1994, the total square footage of public library space in Lexington County, one of the fastest growing counties, was just under 40,000 sq. ft. The largest branch was the Cayce-West Columbia Branch, which the library moved into in 1993 after the County purchased and renovated an old department store. The smallest building was the Gilbert-Summit Branch, which had the grand total of 400 sq. ft. The branches serving two of the fastest growing areas of the county, Irmo and Lexington, were both under 4,000 sq. ft. Even with its dedicated staff, the library could not provide adequate service to the public. The lack of space resulted in small, limited collections, cramped and overcrowded conditions, and little room for programs. The Library Board, with the backing of many influential citizens and groups, asked the County Council for funding a greatly needed expansion. The County Council responded with a resounding \$9.7 million "Yes."

After the bond was passed, the Library Board and administration began the process of planning to use the funds as efficiently and quickly as possible. The Gaston and Gilbert-Summit Branches were the first to be built. Construction on the new 48,000 sq. ft. headquarters library in Lexington began in the spring of 1996. At the same time plans for replacement buildings for the Irmo and Chapin Branches were underway. The Chapin Branch was finished and first opened in October 1997. Opening of the Lexington Main Library was in January 1998 and the Irmo Branch followed in March 1998. The former headquarters building at Batesburg-Leesville was completely renovated and reopened in July 1998. Finally, the new Pelion Branch was a bonus, being built with funds from savings realized in the other buildings. The total square footage of public library space in Lexington County is now over 118,000 sq. ft., almost three times what was available before.

What has been the result of all this? The key word is "increase." Increases in circulation, programs, collections, computer access, staffing and budget. The public has responded enthusiastically to the new buildings and services. Circulation for the entire system is 25% higher than three years ago, and it continues to grow. The meeting rooms allow for a variety of programs and are heavily used by community groups. There is space to expand the collection to meet the needs of the increasing population. The Library has become one of the main focal points in Lexington County. It continues to enjoy the support of the County Council in their approving the needed personnel and materials for the new buildings.

For more information, please contact Mr. MacNeill (803) 808-2600.

Chapin Memorial Library has an International Flavor

Laura Floyd, Reference Librarian and Lee Oates, Reference Assistant, Chapin Memorial Library.



They come from Poland and Korea, from Ireland and Haiti, from Bulgaria and Croatia and Burkina-Fasso. Their names are Asaf and Thierry, Razmik and Jurga, Slawomir and Dries and lassen. They are mostly young, mostly male. They are here in Myrtle Beach for the summer on student visas, and they come to Chapin Memorial Library each day to check their e-mail. Sometimes the wait is two hours for only 30 minutes of computer time.

Chapin Memorial Library sits in the heart of Myrtle Beach. The students are staying in nearby motels. They work in restaurants, shops and amusement parks. They line our upstairs hall, waiting for their turn to log on to one of our six computers. Often as the students wait their turn for e-

mail, they migrate into the reference area and settle at the computers to read their hometown newspapers. Sometimes they seem genuinely surprised that we don't have the actual papers from Russia or Ireland.

The students arrive in May and leave in November. Their numbers are staggering. This past June, 3,282 people used the six hallway computers. In June 1999, there were a little over 2,000 users and in the June before that only 675. Most of them speak English very well, and they are all computer literate.

When they are not on the Internet, they want travel books, foreign language dictionaries, and local maps. They are looking for information on how to extend their student visas and they want to look at the South Carolina driver's manual. Some want directions to the nearest CyberCafe. The students borrow "transparent film" (Scotch tape) and "Tippex" (WhiteOut). They learn the idiosyncrasies of Southern English, and we learn a few foreign words and phrases.



By the end of the summer, just when we are learning their names and faces, they disappear, going back to wherever they came from. Some of them give us their e-mail addresses and promise to keep in touch and say they will be back next year. We know we will never see them again. For about a month we will have "normal" Internet traffic, until the "Snowbirds" from the northern states and Canada descend upon us. But that's another story.

**For more information, please contact Ms. Floyd or Ms. Oates
(843) 918-1275, or Email: referenc@sccoast.net.**

Library Services to Spanish-Speaking Patrons

South Carolina, like most of the United States, has seen an increase in its Hispanic population. According to the latest U.S. Census estimates, this segment of the population in our state grew from 36,000 in 1995 to 42,000 in 2000 and will be nearly 50,000 in 2005. Public libraries across the state are seeking to meet the needs of these patrons by expanding their collection of Spanish language materials and some have started to offer programs in Spanish.

The Greenville County Public Library is an example of a library reaching out to Hispanic families. The Children's Services Department had been aware of the need for programming in Spanish, but found it difficult to find someone to do a story program. Eventually, they found a volunteer who is from Mexico and who regularly brought her children to the library. The library promotes the program not only at all library locations and through the newspaper but also on the local Spanish radio station and in *Latino*, a Spanish language newspaper. In March, twenty-four people came to enjoy a program of stories and music. The staff considered this a good turnout for its first program. It also provided an opportunity to promote the library's Spanish language books and videotapes. The library staff hopes to find additional volunteers so that they can plan future programs.

In Greenwood, the Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library bookmobile stops at a housing area with a large Hispanic population. A Spanish-speaking staff member reads to children during the bookmobile stop. She says the children are anxious to learn English and want to hear stories in English as well as Spanish. Having someone able to speak Spanish has helped make children feel welcome on the bookmobile.

Library services to Spanish-speaking families are still in their infancy in South Carolina. We shall be seeking to expand this area of service to meet the needs of our growing Hispanic population.

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Public Libraries Seeing Benefits from First Steps Partnerships

South Carolina public libraries have played an active role in the First Steps to Reading Readiness initiative. A representative from the county library is a member of the county partnership board, which includes other local agencies, religious organizations, education, health and other non-profit communities. Many public libraries have seen the benefit of this partnership by increased exposure and other non-monetary benefits.

Elizabeth Shuping, Youth Services Coordinator at Horry County Library, says that a major benefit has been the contacts with other county agencies. Through the school representative on the board, Ms. Shuping has been able to get advance notice of things such as the required reading lists. As part of her work in developing a plan to serve the increasing Hispanic population, she was able to work with members of DSS Hispanic program. They provided her with current statistics on Hispanic families and helped identify needs the library can best address.

"First Steps has opened up many opportunities for me to make contacts that will really benefit the library. It has also made me aware of how sometimes the library is perceived in the county by other agencies. When I talk about the services the library provides for families of young children, including our programs and our resources, they begin to look at the library in a new way."

Ginger Shuler, Chief of Youth Services at Richland County Public Library, serves as secretary for the county's First Steps Board. She agrees that learning more about different agencies is developing new opportunities for collaboration. She has also discovered how little other agencies know about the library and what kinds of services it provides for child care centers.

First Steps in Newberry

Governor Jim Hodges was the special guest "storyteller" at the Newberry County Library on July 6. The Governor selected the library to announce a First Steps Level One Grant for \$36,000 for the county and to declare Newberry the "Capitol for the Day."





Music Resources for Blind and Physically Handicapped Individuals

A special music collection for blind and physically handicapped individuals is maintained as part of the free national library program of Braille and recorded books and magazines administered by the Library of Congress, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS).

The collection is made up of some 30,000 books, scores and instructional recordings. It is a major resource for blind, partially sighted, and physically handicapped musicians, music students and others who enjoy music. Braille materials make up the largest portion of the collection and include the standard repertoire for most instruments, vocal and choral music, some popular music, librettos, textbooks, instructional method books and music periodicals. Additionally, music scores in large print and books about music and musicians in large print and recorded formats are available to eligible readers. The magazines offered are:

- *Stereo Review* (reviews of audio recordings and equipment)
- *Contemporary Sound Track: A Review of Pop, Jazz, Rock, and Country* (a sampler of articles from national magazines)
- *The Quarterly Music Magazine* (four different and complete music magazine issues a year)
- *The Musical Mainstream* (current articles, reprinted from national magazines, on classical music and music education)
- *The Braille Music Magazine* (articles from British magazines about classical music and music criticism)
- *Popular Music Lead Sheets* (melodies, lyrics, and chords to popular songs ranging from "golden oldies" to recent hits)

Enlarged scores are available for voice, piano and other instruments. Large print books about music include opera librettos, biographies of popular and classical musicians, general music histories, and some music reference books. The material on audio discs and cassettes includes music theory, appreciation, and history; biographical sketches of musicians and examples of their art; interviews and master classes; and instruction for various instruments.

For more information about the NLS Music Division resources, as well as services and resources of the DBPH, call (800) 922-7818 or (803) 734-4611, Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM – 6:00 PM. Visit our web site www.state.sc.us/scsl/bph.html.

Guynell Williams, Director, Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
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September 26-28, 2000

EdTech 2000 Conference
Charleston Convention Center

October 15-21, 2000

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October 28, 2000

SCLA One Day Conference, Columbia

For local literary events, check the
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[http:// www.state.sc.us/scsl/lib.pba.html](http://www.state.sc.us/scsl/lib.pba.html)

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