On August 27, 2001 Attorney General Charlie Condon ruled that the new Internet Filtering law (Proviso 72.95 of the FY02 General Appropriations Act) passed last session by the General Assembly is binding on all libraries receiving state funds except those in higher education. In an opinion issued to House Majority Leader Rick Quinn, Condon concluded that a library’s failure to use Internet filters will result in the loss of one-half of that library’s state funds. Forfeited funds will then be distributed among those libraries, which are in compliance with the Internet filtering requirement.

On August 30 the South Carolina State Library Board took the following actions on General Appropriations Act Proviso 72.95.

Moved that the State Library shall notify public libraries that they must comply with Proviso 72.95 and in accordance with the Attorney General’s opinion.

Moved that no additional State Aid payments be made until a public library indicates to the State Library their compliance with 72.95 and in accordance with the Attorney General’s opinion.

Moved that the State Library comply with Proviso 72.95 and in accordance with the Attorney General’s opinion by filtering its public access Internet computers, leaving 10% or at least one (1) unfiltered.

Moved that the State Library Internet Access Policy be revised to include a section that states: “Library users may not bypass or disable the Library’s web filtering software or instruct or demonstrate to another user how to bypass the Library’s web filtering software.”
From the Director... James B. Johnson, Jr.

We are in a year that began with significant budget cuts for all state agencies (except for K-12 schools and higher education institutions). The State Library suffered an 11.32% cut in its FY02 budget ($1,156,834). Since 69% of the State Library's budget is State Aid to County Libraries, 69% of this cut was passed on to county libraries. We are already hearing rumors about possible additional cuts.

The cut for FY02 was further compounded when the Comptroller General closed the state's books on FY01. The cut for FY 02 was further compounded when the Comptroller General closed the state’s books for FY 01. In order to end FY 01 with a balanced budget, he made the 1% cut at the end of FY 01 permanent, took agency’s carry forward funds and dipped into the “rainy day fund”. The State Library lost $102,237 from the 1% cut and $78,011 from the loss of carry forward funds.

The Chairmen of the House Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committees have already been quoted about the possibility of a mid-year 1-2% cut, as well as a possible cut of up to 5% next year.

The State Library is literally operating on a shoestring. We have eliminated our state-funded materials budget this year. We will not fill several vacant positions and we will reduce an already over-stretched operations budget. Mid-year cuts and/or cuts next year will mean the agency will have to implement a reduction in force.

Public libraries feel the cuts on two fronts. First, they lose State Aid funding from the State Library. FY02 State Aid will be $1.76 per capita with a minimum grant of $40,000 per county. Public libraries began FY01 with $2.00 per capita, but ended the year at $1.98 per capita. Secondly, cuts in other county funding from the state could potentially affect local library budgets.

These are challenging times for library directors, staffs, and boards. We survived major cuts in the mid-1990's, but current reductions have the potential of making those cuts look like a minor bump in the road. We must do all we can to let policy makers at the state and local levels know how these cuts are affecting our libraries and the citizens who use them.

Hemingway and the Thirties

USC’s Thomas Cooper Library will present a symposium and exhibit from the newly acquired Speiser & Easterling-Hallman Collection of Ernest Hemingway on September 21-22 at the library. The exhibit will feature many works previously unstudied by Hemingway scholars, including manuscripts, letters, proofs, and first editions together with wide-ranging literary and cultural correspondence of Hemingway’s friend and legal adviser Maurice J. Speiser.

Panels and round-table discussions during the symposium will address Hemingway’s involvement with Spain, 1930’s politics, literary property, copyright, and scholarly access. Related events will include a showing of archival newsreel film on 1930’s Spain from USC’s Movietone News collection, and a staged reading of The Fifth Column.

All symposium events are free and open to the public. For further information about specific times and locations, please contact Patrick Scott at (803) 777-8154 or Email: scottp@gwm.sc.edu.
Abbeville Greenwood
The Abbeville County Library was the recipient of a $15,000 bequest from the Rosa Poliakoff Family Fund. The income from the fund will be dedicated to two library-related purposes, special purchases by the library and the maintenance of the Dr. Samuel Poliakoff Collection of Western American Art at the Abbeville County Library.

Allendale County
The Allendale County Library received $32,000 from the Allendale County First Steps Board. The library will contract with First Steps for 20 literacy kits, which will include toys, books, video and audio tapes, and puppets. These kits will be distributed to local families and childcare centers.

Allendale-Hampton-Jasper
The Allendale-Hampton-Jasper Regional Library online patron access catalog now displays scanned images of book jackets and tables of contents. The Library Corporation (TLC), on an offsite server, maintains all images. The company adds over 16,000 new book images each month.

Beaufort County
Spanish-speaking residents of Beaufort County can find useful Web links and community information on the Beaufort County Public Library’s Informaciones en Espanol. Features include online dictionaries and translators, a brief English language course link for Spanish speakers, online newspapers from Latin American countries, health links, Spanish search engines and Web tutorials, sites for current events and entertainment, as well as information about library services. The Web site is www.co.beaufort.sc.us/bftlib/bibliote.

Richland County
Entering to the familiar theme of 2001, members of the Gamecocks football team participated in the “Pigskin Poets” program at the Main Library in August. About 250 children from the Columbia area attended the event to play games, sing songs and listen to stories. Among the highlights were Jonathan Martin reading about the Little Red Riding Hood, Watts Sanderson telling knock-knock jokes and everyone singing with the Library’s Children Room Assistant Darion McCloud.

Spartanburg County
The Spartanburg County Council allotted $9 million for the construction of new libraries in Landrum, Cowpens, Woodruff and West Spartanburg. Woodruff is the only branch that will retain a portion of the current building, the other three will be built at a new location. The buildings are to be completed by January 2002.

The Spartanburg County Public Library is playing host to the traveling Smithsonian exhibit, “Creativity and Resistance: Maroon Cultures in the Americas.” The panel exhibition brings to light a little known chapter in the history of slaves brought from Africa to the Americas. The exhibit features historical drawings and maps, a timeline, contemporary photographs, and a selection of ceremonial and daily life objects.

Sumter County
The Sumter County Library recently announced the election of R. Jesse Begley as chairman of the Library’s Board of Trustees. Begley succeeds Peggy Curlowie, who served as chairman from 1996 until July 2001. He is the vice president of the Sumter Habitat for Humanity and WineFest chairman for Santee Senior Services. He is the past president of the Friends of the Sumter County Library.

Williamsburg County
The Williamsburg County Library has received a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant from the State Library for the purchase of a new bookmobile. The bookmobile will target communities with a population less than 500, child care centers and senior citizens who do not have regular access to library services. The library hopes to implement the service by March 2002.
For many years the South Carolina State Library has offered free interlibrary loan services to public, academic, special, and registered high school libraries in South Carolina. Many libraries request materials from the State Library’s collection via OCLC’s interlibrary loan system. The majority of the state’s public and high school libraries, however, use the State Library’s web-based catalog, WebLION, (www.state.sc.us/scsl/sclswelcome.html) to place requests for materials found in the State Library’s collection. Libraries may also use the State Library’s “South Carolina Library Network -SCLN” (www.sc.us/scsl/scln/ill/scln.html) to place e-mailed requests for such things as photocopy from journals or ERIC documents which are located in the State Library’s collection. The State Library mails requested materials free of charge, but requesting libraries are responsible for assuming the costs of returning materials to the State Library.

The State Library’s general collection covers a broad range of adult-level, English language non-fiction print titles of interest to South Carolina citizens. These materials have been selected to help supplement the collections of small and medium-sized libraries in the state. More specialized collections include South Carolina Last Copy Fiction, South Carolina State Documents, and ERIC research documents in microfiche format. The State Library also offers special research services to public libraries, including its toll-free reference hotline and a library location service to identify locations for materials not found in the State Library’s collection.

The staff of the State Library takes pride in providing rapid response and turn-around to interlibrary loan requests. If you have questions about the library’s interlibrary loan services, please contact Anne M. Schneider, Director of Information Services, (803) 734-8655 or by Email: anne@leo.scsl.state.sc.us.

Sumter Library Receives IMLS Grant

On August 13, U.S. Representative James Clyburn presented the Sumter County Library a $43,000 Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant. Congressman Clyburn was instrumental in having Congress set aside funds specifically for the library. The grant will run from July 2001 until July 2003. The presentation ceremony took place at the South Sumter Branch Library.

The library will use the grant to improve that branch’s holdings as well as purchase additional computing resources. “Many of the residents of this area do not have home access to computers. We hope that with these funds, we will be able to provide more computing resources for things such as job searches, resume preparation and information retrieval,” said Faith Line, library director. The library wants to use the funds to purchase additional print resources in subjects such as parenting, job searching, and conflict resolution and childhood development. A camcorder will also be purchased to help patrons develop job interview skills.
Prime Time Grants Available

Applications are available for PRIME TIME FAMILY READING TIME, a reading, discussion and storytelling series offered by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities (LEH) in partnership with the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office and with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). The postmark deadline for applications is October 31, 2001.

Based on illustrated children's books, PRIME TIME is designed to help under-served families bond around the act of reading and learning together. It teaches parents and children to read and discuss humanities topics, and aids them in selecting books and becoming active public library users.

Now in its third round, PRIME TIME will add 14 libraries to its national roster this fall. Seven libraries will present PRIME TIME programs in the spring of 2002 and seven will present programming in the fall. Each series will meet once a week for six weeks at participating public libraries. Through a discussion leader and a storyteller, children ages 6 to 10 years and their parents or guardians will hear classic children's stories, watch reading aloud demonstrations, discuss humanities themes in each book and learn about library resources and services. Younger siblings, ages 3 to 5 years, will participate in separate pre-reading activities. A local partnership consisting of the public library, a humanities scholar, a storyteller and a statewide organization (i.e., the state humanities council, the state library or the state library association) will coordinate each series. PRIME TIME is designed for libraries near public transportation, within walking distance of participants or where the library or other agency can provide transportation for participants. Grant funding will be provided for transportation if needed.

Selected libraries will receive:

- A total of $1,650 for scholar, storyteller and reader honoraria
- 25 sets of reusable books and book bags (to be returned to the LEH when the program ends)
- Up to $75 for shipping books to the next site
- Camera-ready publicity materials
- A site-support manual including discussion guides and evaluation materials
- Award certificates for participants
- Travel, lodging and some meals for the four partnership members to attend the training workshop, January 11 - 13, 2002, in New Orleans

PRIME TIME is based on a successful series of the same name that began in 1991 at the East Baton Rouge (La.) Parish Library and has spread nationally with funding from NEH. Nearly 6,000 individuals have participated in more than 170 PRIME TIME programs in 25 states. For more information and an application, please visit www.ala.org/publicprograms/primetime/ or send an Email: eness@leh.org.
Fall SCAA Workshops Announced

Records management and working with shoestring budgets are the topics for the South Carolina Archival Association’s 2001 Fall Workshops. The programs are scheduled for Thursday, October 11 at the South Carolina Archives and History Center in Columbia.

Marie Hollings and Dennis Taylor are heading up a four-hour workshop titled “Wagging the Dog,” which will deliver practical records management tips for archivists and librarians who wear multiple hats and for others who want to exercise more influence on the overall records management cycle in their organization.

Sharon Bennett is heading up the concurrent four-hour workshop titled “Archives on a Shoestring,” which will cover do’s and don’t’s of preservation, processing, description, reference, exhibits and overall administration. It’s targeted at low-budget institutions and others going through belt-tightening.

The day’s activities will also include luncheon speaker Dan Bilderback, an archeologist and historian, who will speak on the documentary research performed for the State House Renovation Project. SCAA will also hold its annual meeting for the election of officers and other business. The pre-registration deadline is October 1. The fee for early registration is $30 for SCAA members and $50 for non-members. Contact Beth Bilderback at 803-777-5183, bilderbk@gwm.sc.edu for more information.

Oct. 12 SCLA Mini-Conference Features Multicultural Theme

The South Carolina Library Association’s 2001 Mini-Conference “Many Faces, Many Voices” is scheduled for Friday, October 12 at the USC Russell House during fall break. The keynote speaker will be prominent historian Dr. Dan T. Carter speaking on “Shared History, Separate Memories: How We Remember Our Past.” He will address the changing role of librarians and archivists in a multicultural society.


The pre-registration deadline is October 1. Early registration fees are $45 for SCLA members, $30 for students and retirees, and $75 for non-members. For more information, visit www.scla.org or contact Mark T. Mancuso, SCLA Executive Secretary, ph 803-358-9756 (home), 1-888-540-7743 (pager), execsecretary@scla.org.

SCLA is also sponsoring a post conference professional development event for youth services October 12-13. It includes exhibits, book signings, and sessions on Harry Potter, serving Hispanic populations, story stretchers and Teen Read Week. There is no extra cost for attending, but those interested should register through the SCLA conference form. Contact Pat Feehan at PFeehan@gwm.sc.edu for more information.
Project Partnership to Promote Family Literacy
Salley B. Davidson, Director, Marion County Library

In May, the Marion County Library (MCL) was invited by Marion School District One (MSD 1) to join with them in a collaborative effort that included submitting an Even Start Family Literacy Program Application. The application was approved and the project partners have been awarded a $149,000 grant for the first year of the four-year project. According to Helen Smith, Parent Education Coordinator, Marion School District One, this was the first time in South Carolina a library has been a full partner in this grant program.

In support of the Marion School District 1 Even Start program, the Marion County Library made a commitment to:

- dispense library materials to the parents and children involved in the program.
- agree to allow MSD 1 to train at least one MCL staff member in the Motheread program.
- work with MSD 1 in developing developmentally appropriate curriculum for parents and children involved in the Even Start program.
- work with MSD 1 in selecting developmentally appropriate reading material for parents and children involved in the Even Start program.

Marion School District 1 and the Marion County Library, in collaboration with Head Start, First Steps, Department of Social Services, and Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, have developed a family literacy model that will help build brighter futures for families, communities, and employers. From the outset, these partners have shared information, pooled resources, and more importantly, have developed ownership in the program. As we've worked together on our vision for families, we've learned one very important central truth: Parents - regardless of educational level or economic status - want better lives not only for themselves, but also for their children.

Marion County Library staff will especially be involved in the Motheread component. These classes are designed for low-literacy adults who want to improve their literacy skills in order to read to their children. Based on the assumption that mothers will often do for their children what they won't do for themselves, the curriculum will be presented to mothers as a benefit to their child and will emphasize literacy as a form of communication, character education, and encouraging parents to share feeling, humor, memories, and experiences through reading and writing. Appropriate library staff will receive the necessary training to teach the curriculum.

To help parents and children realize the role of lifelong learning outside the confines of a classroom, participants will go to the library once each week to discuss a children's book introduced by the library staff person trained in the Motheread curriculum. Parents will be encouraged to visit the library, obtain a library card, and read for pleasure. These visits will help parents understand the benefits of life-long learning and modeling this behavior to their children. Through a shared vision of staff and partners, the sharing of resources, and continuous self-study, we will implement a successful, holistic family literacy program that will serve as a model for other parts of our state. Central to our plans, dreams and efforts is the belief that parents - regardless of education level or economic status - want better lives not only for themselves, but also for their children. Mothers participating in the project will have the opportunity to become her child’s primary teacher and most significant role model.

For more information about the Evenstart Family Literacy program, you may contact Ms. Davidson at (843) 423-8332 or Email: SCDavidson@infoave.net.

You may also contact Helen Smith, Marion School District One at (843) 423-8332.
To kick off the new school year, **DISCUS – South Carolina’s Virtual Library** has streamlined access for schools. All DISCUS schools may now access all DISCUS resources using new K-12 access pages on the DISCUS web site: [http://www.state.sc.us/scsl/discus/](http://www.state.sc.us/scsl/discus/).

From DISCUS schools, teachers and students may access all DISCUS resources using the K-12@SCHOOL page on the DISCUS web site. From home Internet accounts, teachers and students of DISCUS schools may access all DISCUS resources using the links on the K-12@HOME page on the DISCUS web site. The DISCUS username and password needed to use these links from home are distributed to all participating school media centers each January and August.

This new access method simplifies DISCUS administration for schools. It also enables DISCUS to be better integrated and promoted through other web-based educational initiatives such as knowitall.org and the planned S.C. Learning Connections.

Colleges and public libraries continue to access DISCUS resources via their own web page links. This allows these libraries to better integrate DISCUS databases with their other electronic services. General instructions guiding South Carolinians to the appropriate access points for DISCUS are now available on the DISCUS web site.

DISCUS – South Carolina’s Virtual Library provides all South Carolinians with equitable access to an electronic library of essential information and learning resources. DISCUS offers carefully selected resources from reliable publishers on a wide variety of subjects for all age groups.

DISCUS is administered by the South Carolina State Library in cooperation with the state’s school, college and public libraries. DISCUS is funded by the South Carolina General Assembly with supplemental funding by the federal Library Services and Technology Act.

Mary Bull, DISCUS Project Director, Email: mary@leo.scsl.state.sc.us or Telephone: (803) 737-7736
Help! My library patron is hearing impaired…

Being able to fully use the library means that the patron and the librarian must be able to communicate effectively. The impulse of most librarians, especially when confronted with a deaf patron, particularly children, is to go to the shelves and find a book or magazine for the patron. Although this method is easier and quicker for the librarian, in the long run it is much more effective and service friendly to take the time to establish a method of communication that allows the patron to communicate with you.

Librarians need to understand that deafness ranges from mild to severe, that some deaf people benefit from the use of a hearing aid while others do not, and that personal preferences in communication style vary and may include sign language, speaking and lip-reading, and writing. When no librarian on staff can sign, a contact name of a local certified interpreter is a necessity.

Finger spelling is basic to communicating with people who are deaf and hearing impaired and is relatively easy to learn. If there are local colleges and universities in your area, more than likely they have offices that serve the needs of their students with disabilities. When dealing with students, keep this in mind. Those with academic affiliations may be referred to these offices for additional, long-term assistance with their research needs.

Because deaf patrons have a more visual style of learning than the hearing population, demonstrating is a very important method to use when communicating with deaf students. Although it does not always come naturally to hearing people, it is important to be animated. Librarians must not speak or talk to a deaf patron’s back. Be sure to speak in a slow pace and establish eye contact. The deaf patron needs to see the lips of the speaker.

Every library should have a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD). TDDs located at a library’s reference and circulation desks enable deaf patrons to call for reference and circulation information and to communicate at the same level as hearing people.

Appropriate library staff should learn TDD operation and strategies for effective communication with deaf patrons. Through staff training, special equipment to facilitate communication, and utilization of the simple rules of communicating with deaf patrons, your library will not be a frustrating place for your deaf library users or for you.


For additional readings on services to patrons with disabilities, contact the South Carolina State Library’s Information Services Department. Titles included in the collection are:
Cohen, Judy. *Disability etiquette: tips on interacting with people with disabilities* / by Judy Cohen. [New York, NY]: Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association, [199-?] 362.4 COHE


Moore, Matthew S. *For hearing people only: answers to some of the most commonly asked questions about the Deaf community, its culture, and the "Deaf reality" / by Matthew S. Moore and Linda Levitan; with a foreword by Harlan Lane.* Rochester, N.Y.: Deaf Life Press, 1992. 305.9 MOOR

The National Lekotek Center presents literacy is for everyone: making library activities accessible for children with disabilities. [Evanston, IL?]: The Center, [1998?] 027.663 NATI


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Calendar

September 2001
Library Card Sign-Up Month
www.ala.org/librarycard

September 20, 2001
Technical Services Managers Exchange
South Carolina State Library

September 22, 2001
Friends of South Carolina Libraries Annual Meeting
South Carolina State Library

September 22-29, 2001
Banned Books Week
www.ala.org/bbooks

October 14-20, 2001
Teen Read Week – “Making Reading a Hobbit”

October 12-13, 2001
SCLA Fall Conference
USC Russell House
Columbia, SC

October 30, 2001
Bookmobile Librarians Interest Group Meeting
NE Regional Branch, Columbia, SC

For local literary events, check the Palmetto Book Alliance Website
http://www.state.sc.us/scsl/lib/pba/html

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