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Free Interlibrary Loan Restored

The General Assembly provided the State Library \$200,000 in the FY 97 budget to restore free interlibrary loan services for South Carolina libraries and for basic State Library operating costs. Beginning July 1, 1996, libraries will not be billed for postage and handling charges for using the State Library's interlibrary loan service.

The State Library's FY96 budget was reduced by \$333,795 due to gubernatorial vetoes. As a result of this reduction, the State Library was forced to impose cost recovery charges for interlibrary loan. Use of the State Library's interlibrary loan service declined dramatically this past year due to these costs. All interlibrary loan service measures declined overall, with particularly large reductions on photocopies (-44%) and items circulated (-29%). It is anticipated that restoration of free interlibrary loan services will reverse this decline.

"We are extremely pleased that the General Assembly provided funds to restore free interlibrary loan services from the State Library. This service provides access to a wide range of information to South Carolinians across the state," said Jim Johnson, State Library director. "Restoration of this service was a high priority of the State Library during the recently concluded legislative session."

The General Assembly also voted to increase State Aid to County Libraries by ten cents per capita. The additional \$339,049 funds State Aid at \$1.35 per capita with a minimum grant of \$15,000 per county in FY 97.

During the past two years, public libraries have campaigned for an increase in State Aid to \$2.00 per capita. The campaign, **\$2 TO GET READY**, has focused on improving library services to children and acquiring new technologies to improve library services to all South Carolinians. This year's increase follows an increase of \$.20 per capita in FY 96. Public libraries will continue their quest for \$2.00 per capita in an effort to meet the information needs of all citizens of the state.

From the Director

"...sticking to the same message from year to year does work."

It has been said that statistics are a group of numbers looking for an argument. They have been used to prove and disprove many hypotheses. Libraries do a good job of collecting statistics and making them available to their patrons; however, they have not consistently used statistics to their advantage in gaining public and official support for new facilities, new programs, and ongoing funding increases.

The South Carolina State Library has recently published **South Carolina Public Library Annual Statistical Summary**, for the 18th consecutive year. This data is based upon information provided by South Carolina's public libraries. It contains rankings on use, hours of service, staff size, collection size, finances, children's services, and a number of other indicators of the status of public libraries in South Carolina. A number of public libraries anxiously await the publication of county statistics.

The State Library is a cooperating agency in the National Center for Educational Statistics' collection of public library data. National statistics on public libraries are

published in **Public Libraries in the United States**. The most recent data published is for FY 1994.

Library directors and boards should use these documents when developing budget requests. The State Library provided the Association of Public Library Administrators comparative data on state aid appropriations in the Southeastern states which was used to good effect in the \$2 To Get Ready! state aid campaigns the last two years.

Statistics, such as school enrollment, per capita income, percentage of students on free or reduced lunch, size of the county, etc., should also be used.

A carefully crafted argument using appropriate statistics could prove the difference between a budget increase or no increase. The most compelling argument, however, might not be successful initially. The recent \$2 To Get Ready! campaign showed that sticking to the same message from year to year does work.

James B. Johnson, Jr.
Director

Trustee Spotlight

The current chairman of the South Carolina State Library Board, Margaret J. Bundy, has served on the board since 1992 and has been chair since 1994. Mrs. Bundy, a retired high school guidance counselor, is a resident of Lancaster.



Margaret J. Bundy, Chairman
South Carolina State Library Board

Mrs. Bundy's interest in libraries began in Birmingham, Alabama, where she used a branch of the public library. Her interest continued during her college years at Converse College in South Carolina, and later as a parent volunteer in an elementary school in Macon, Georgia. Mrs. Bundy also spent 13 years on the Lancaster County Library Board, serving as its chair part of that time. She has chaired the Trustee Section of the South Carolina Library Association.

According to Mrs. Bundy, "A trustee's role is to be an informed advocate of the library, responsible for strong fiscal backing and run by an efficient professional staff. A trustee serves as a liaison among government, community, and the library."

When asked what she enjoyed most about being a trustee, Mrs. Bundy replied, "Serving with board members from other parts of the state has been most enjoyable, as well as working with staff members. Begging for funding is not a favorite task but a necessary one, and often rewarding."

During Mrs. Bundy's term of office on the State Library Board, several important issues have been addressed by the whole board and staff. Restructuring has been postponed, per capita funds have been increased, and the State Library has survived budget cuts. Although board members represent different congressional districts, they work together as a cohesive unit addressing the big picture for the state.

Mrs. Bundy has been reappointed by Governor Beasley to another term on the board, and she was recently reelected chairman. Her goals include being well-

informed about state and federal budgets, seeing that libraries are centers of information in cyberspace, and making sure the book does not lose its place.

News From Around the State

ABBE Regional Library

Director Louise McAulay has resigned to accept the directorship of the Suburban Library System, Burr Ridge, Illinois. She recently was elected chair/elect of the Library Organization and Management Section of ALA LAMA.

Beaufort County Library

Staff held the 1996 Volunteer Appreciation Program, honoring 35 volunteers for their service to the library.

Charleston County Library

Michelle Harmon, assistant head of the reference department at the headquarters library, was named Employee of the Year at the annual Staff Day.

Darlington County Library

Sue Rainey has accepted the position of director. She was previously director of the Dillon County Library.

Dorchester County Library

Groundbreaking for an expansion to the library in St. George has been held. The addition is expected to be completed in September.

Fairfield County Library

Kiara Tucker, a second grade student from Winnsboro, presented a dramatic monologue at the annual meeting of the Friends of the Library.

Georgetown County Library

The Rotary Club of Pawleys Island held its annual golf tournament to raise funds for the Waccamaw Neck branch library.

Greenville County Library

GreenLINK, a new dial-in access service, provides entry to the library's catalog and catalogs of other libraries, community information, federal government documents, and the Internet.

The library has been awarded a grant by the Metropolitan Arts Council for its series, "Poetry in Motion: South Carolina Poets Read, Write, and Sometimes Rhyme," a five week series that features readings and discussions on the works of South Carolina poets.

Horry County Library

As part of the South Carolina Reader's Circuit, Linda Lee Harper gave a reading of her poetry in the Surfside Beach branch library.

Horry County School System

Books on the Beach, a school-sponsored celebration of reading, attracted approximately 700 students from 22 schools. The celebration was modeled on the South Carolina State Library's annual Read-In.

Lancaster County Library

The Close Foundation and the John T. Stevens Foundation have contributed \$25,000 each to the new Kershaw branch.

Lexington County Library

Jane Davis Griffin was the recipient of several honors prior to her retirement as director. In addition to being named Lexington County's 1996 Distinguished Citizen at the SC

Poultry Festival, she was presented the Order of the Palmetto by Governor David Beasley. This award is the highest honor the State of South Carolina can bestow upon a citizen. The South Carolina General Assembly also honored Mrs. Griffin with a concurrent resolution, and a resolution was passed by the town of Batesburg-Leesville, praising her contributions to the citizens of Lexington County.

Marlboro County Library

Art teachers in the Marlboro County School District displayed their works at the library during May.

Orangeburg County Library

In connection with National Library Week, Carolyn Sawyer, former news anchorwoman for WIS-TV, spoke at the Friends of the Library program.

Pickens County Library

The library sponsored a pet show during National Library Week, judged by the Humane Society.

Richland County Public Library

Tom Feelings, artist and author, was honored with the 1996 Lucy Hampton Bostick Award which is presented annually by the Friends.

South Carolina State Library

Nancy Taylor, manager of information resources for the Consulting Services Division of Fluor Daniel Corporation in Greenville, and State Library trustee, is president-elect of the South Carolina Chapter of the Special Libraries Association.

Spartanburg County Library

Dorothy Chandler has joined the staff as director of circulation. She is a former director of the Oconee County Library.

Williamsburg County Library

The South Carolina General Assembly has approved funding for the construction of new libraries in Kingstree and Hemingway. Senator Yancey McGill was instrumental in securing the funding.

Winthrop University Library

On July 1, 1996, Winthrop University returned the Dacus Library to a reporting relationship with the Vice President for Academic Affairs, ending a three-year experiment in which the library had been combined with Information Management.

York County Library

Millie Michalewitz, children's assistant in the headquarters library for 21 years, retired on June 7.

The Washington Office of the American Library Association recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. Five individuals who have had major roles in the federal library program were honored from each state. The five honorees from South Carolina are Deborah Roberts Coleman of Denmark, Claude Blakely of Greenville, Wanda Forbes of Columbia, Jeanie McNamara of Beaufort, and the late Estellene Walker who for many years directed the South Carolina State Library.

The Race for Summer Reading Begins

by Jane G. Connor, Children's Services Consultant e-mail: janec@leo.scscl.state.sc.us

The statewide summer reading program, **EVERYONE A WINNER...READ!**, is off and running across South Carolina.

A kickoff for the statewide summer reading program was held on the State Library plaza in Columbia on May 24. Children from the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind in Spartanburg and A.C. Moore Elementary School in Columbia participated in the kickoff. The Spartanburg students performed a reading cheer, and two students from Columbia, Charles Monnich and Lucinda Rogers, read their winning entries in a writing contest based on the summer reading theme (see winning entries below).



Dr. Barbara S. Nielsen, State Superintendent of Education, prepares to pass the reading torch to Ginger Shuler, children's librarian, Richland County Public Library, while Jim Johnson, State Library director, looks on.

Jim Johnson, director of the State Library, greeted the students, their teachers, and guests. State Superintendent of Education, Dr. Barbara S. Nielsen, and Richard Rowell, assistant soccer coach at the University of South Carolina, spoke of the importance and the joy of reading. Guynell Williams, director of the State Library's Department for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (DBPH), presented a reading record to Justin Burton, a six year old student at the School for the Deaf and the Blind. 1996 marks the first year that summer reading is being offered by this department of the State Library to its patrons. More than ten percent of the children using the DBPH library are participating, an excellent response for the first year.

The program ended with the lighting of a torch to symbolize the start of summer reading. The torch was handed over to Ginger Shuler, Richland County Public Library, and to Ellen Stringer, Lexington County Library, who represented public libraries across South Carolina.

Winning Essay by Lucinda Rogers (pictured left)



I was bored, it was summer, an ordinary day. Nothing new, just the same. Same old boring day. I had nothing to do. No toys to play with. It was a boring, boring, boring day.

Then, all of a sudden, it was a book! I approached it quietly, and it said "Olympics" on the front. I picked it up, it looked really cool. I sat down and opened it to the first page, and suddenly I wasn't in my room any more.

I was on a track, getting ready to run. The gun went off, and BAM! I left. I was running harder than I ever had before, my tennis shoes flapping on the hard floor. I was nearing the finish line, everyone was yelling.

When I heard a voice, it sounded familiar. It was my mom, calling me for dinner. I was back in my house, and I was a winner.

Winning Poem by Charles Monnich (pictured below)

*Diver climbs,
reading book.
Diver runs,
reading book.
Diver dives,
panics, still reading
book.
Diver flips twice,
reading book.
Diver "sits"
cross-legged in air.
Diver finally falls into
water,
still reading book!
Diver is given.....
TEN! (Reading book of
course.)*



Project Promotes Summer Reading

County libraries in Beaufort, Dillon, Lancaster, Marion, and Sumter have participated with the South Carolina State Library in a special project to promote reading this summer. The genesis of the project came from the South Carolina State Library Foundation Board which was interested in supporting an effort which would benefit children.

While summer reading programs are meant to be fun, they also contribute to efforts to improve education and learning opportunities in the state. In 1995, just over 52,000 children participated in summer reading programs in South Carolina. This represents 11 percent of children ages 3 to 11 in the state. The State Library and its Foundation Board believe there is potential to involve many more children in summer reading programs across the state.

Each of the five libraries participating in the project developed its own plans for promoting summer reading. Beaufort County Library worked with its local ETV station to produce a five minute video, and a copy of the video was provided to every elementary school in the county. The library also purchased street banners which can be used year after year. Sumter County Library purchased a prominent ad in the local

newspaper's summer supplement for children and printed enough promotional flyers to provide a copy for every child in the elementary schools. Lancaster and Dillon county libraries also concentrated on doing more extensive printing and distribution of flyers. Marion County Library mailed information to churches and printed a brochure with tips for parents reading to children as a way to involve more young children in summer reading.

Although the Foundation initiated this project, delays in receiving its IRS 501(c)(3) designation made it impossible for the Foundation to engage in extensive fundraising this year. Available Library Services and Construction Act funds were used in this initial year of the project; however, the Foundation is expected to begin fundraising efforts soon to fully support the project for the summer of 1997.

Management of Public Library Services for Children and Young Adults, CLIS 767, is a new course being offered this fall at the University of South Carolina's College of Library and Information Science on Mondays from 10:00 until 12:45. For information, contact Dr. Pat Feehan at (803) 777-2381.

Learning Resource Center Dedicated

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School for the Deaf and the Blind, Spartanburg, SC

On May 29, 1996, The South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind (SCSDB), after years of work on a multimillion dollar capital campaign, dedicated a new learning resource center, before an audience of supporters, students, affiliated professionals, and local dignitaries.

The Jesse Franklin Cleveland Learning Resource Center (LRC), located in Spartanburg and established in memory of a Spartanburg businessman and civic leader with an un-

ending commitment to SCSDB and its mission, is the first in the nation to combine learning resources for the deaf, blind, and multihandicapped.

The LRC will house a greatly expanded campus library that includes a professional/parent library, a computer lab for staff and students, a classroom, a children's reading room, a bookstore, a media production and distribution center, and a large conference center for members of the community to meet or to receive training. It will also serve as a central dispatch station for video and television transmitted educational programming to each school on campus and will allow SCSDB students access to educational computers, software, and adaptive learning devices.

Keynote speaker, the Honorable David M. Beasley, Governor, State of South Carolina, recognized the LRC

as a valuable resource for blind, deaf, and sensory multidisabled students, their families, and professionals throughout the state of South Carolina.



Circulation Desk, School for the Deaf & the Blind

The SCSDB is a state agency whose mission is to provide quality comprehensive educational, vocational, and developmental services to individuals who are deaf, blind, or sensory multidisabled.

Services to the Elderly

by Kathy Mitchell, Adult Services, Beaufort County Library

In 1994, Beaufort County Library began a project to extend and improve library service to the elderly population in the county through funding from an LSCA grant for services to special populations. Local project objectives included conducting a needs assessment and survey, involving local organizations and agencies, and implementing new programming for the elderly by June 1996.

Activities conducted to carry out these objectives involved identifying consultants to assist with developing a needs assessment and survey format. Library staff obtained a list of local organizations and agencies from the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce and met with representatives from groups interested in this grant. Library staff and representatives from outside organizations assessed the library's present ability to provide access to materials for the elderly and evaluated the growth and changes in the county as these affect library services.

To provide some background information and explanation as to why Beaufort County Library applied for a grant in the area of service to the elderly, Beaufort County is one of the fastest growing counties in the state with the greatest increase by age group being the population age 55 and over. Sun City -- Hilton Head, a new residential development for this age group in the southern part of the county, expects to have a population of 14,000 by its completion. Military retirees come to Beaufort because of the government bases here, and many other retirees like the climate, coast, and slower pace of life Beaufort County has to offer. With the influx of people age 55 and over, Beaufort County Library realized it needed to review and improve its service to this segment of the population.

As the grants staff person, I began implementation by seeking consultants, among them Dr. Linda Lucas Walling at the University of South Carolina's College of Library and Information Science. She agreed to help and contacted two other people who have a degree in gerontology as well as library science. Through a series of meetings, telephone conversations and revisions, we developed a needs assessment and survey tool. Some of the results were very interesting and guided the next steps in implementing the grant. I obtained a multi-

page listing of groups and agencies in the county and contacted those I felt would be interested in knowing about the grant. I met with representatives from such groups as the United Way, YMCA, Beaufort Memorial Hospital Community Education, the Sub-Acute ward program director at the hospital, directors of senior citizen centers, and the Creative Retirement Center. I read the local newspaper to see what events and programming already existed, and what events the library could support and enhance. The information resources and networking resulting from all of these meetings and contacts will be an immeasurable asset as the library plans future programming and community involvement.

One grant objective included increasing the access to library materials for those patrons age 55 and over. To accomplish this objective, large print books, periodical subscriptions, and videos were purchased. The library staff requested subject area suggestions from senior citizen centers and the Creative Retirement Center. The outreach services staff of the library received Bifolkal kits (kits containing theme-related realia, music, and visuals) for presentations at senior citizen centers and other sites, and a portable video projector was purchased for in-house and outreach programming. Walkers with baskets for holding library materials were purchased to make access to collections easier. Page magnifiers are available through outreach and at circulation desks for patrons to use. The Beaufort and Hilton Head Libraries now have assistive devices to aid the visually impaired library patron.

An intended objective of this grant was to produce publicity for the target population on the services and materials available in the library system. While a rough draft was compiled during the grant period, the actual production will occur after the grant ends. Plans for programming at the Beaufort Library are "on paper, but have yet to be finalized and scheduled." As in most libraries, the time and existing responsibilities for the staff are issues in completing goals and objectives of any project. Beaufort County Library was unable to completely achieve all aspects of this LSCA grant. However, the library is better able and better prepared to meet the needs of its target population because of the grant.

Continuing Education by William C. Cooper, Laurens County Library Director

We are fortunate in South Carolina to have many continuing educational opportunities for library staff members. The State Library, the South Carolina Library Association, and the College of Library and Information Science at the University of South Carolina all present an excellent agenda of workshops, classes, and seminars annually.

However, each library, large and small, needs some type of continuing education in-house to meet the specific needs of the individual organization and to allow local personnel to interact during the process.

Two major hurdles to providing in-house training include schedules and finances. Public library schedules, with evening and weekend hours, make it difficult to find a time when all staff can convene for training. Limited library budgets prohibit large sums being spent for in-service instruction.

Hence, libraries must be creative to allow for good in-service training opportunities. At Laurens County Library, we attempt to close two days annually to permit the entire staff to attend in-service training and staff meetings. We designate Fridays as we are not open that evening. If closing is a problem, an alternative, albeit less conducive to total staff interaction, is to schedule two in-service sessions and stagger attendance.

Each library staff will have people who can do excellent presentations for local

staff in-service training days. We should take advantage of their skills. A team may be assembled to give a presentation on a particular library department and its activities and services.

"...libraries must be creative to allow for good in-service training opportunities."

When possible, it is good to have an occasional "outside authority" as a presenter. Laurens County Library was fortunate to have Ann Chadwell Humphries for our April in-service day. Ms. Humphries is President and Founder of ETICON (Etiquette Consultants for Business), and she has regular features on public radio, CBS, and in several daily newspapers. She presented a two-hour seminar on business and professional etiquette, a very important topic for any organization dealing with the public.

Now, our library could not possibly have afforded Ann's customary fee for such a seminar. But, we have connections! Ann's parents lived in Clinton for many years, and her mother was active with our Friends of the Laurens County Library from its inception and served as the organization's first president. The Friends of the Library paid most of Ms. Humphries' reduced fee. And, we scheduled an afternoon ses-

sion for her to meet the public and sell and autograph her books and videos. This is an example of how even a smaller county library might have access to a nationally recognized consultant such as Ann Humphries to come for in-service staff training. It definitely can depend on who you know!

Locally, we have made use of videos borrowed from the State Library, followed by some general pointers and discussion specific to our library.

The State Library is also developing some excellent presentations, a couple of which have been demonstrated for our Association of Public Library Administrators' (APLA) meetings. We plan to make use of the State Library's resources at some of our upcoming in-service days here in Laurens.

At our APLA meeting in April, we heard a presentation from Aiken county's risk management director. Her very good talk made me realize there is a reservoir of talent for training opportunities in other local county departments and in state agencies on topics such as safety, security, first-aid, and reducing risks to the staff and the public in library facilities.

Even though we all have been guilty of not giving it as high a priority as we should, ongoing staff training is important. We can make journals and books available on various topics, but the actual unique experience and interaction of a live seminar, presentation, or discussion is invaluable.

Board Honors SCSL Staff Members

Mary Bull, reference librarian for electronic resources and Curtis Rogers, reference librarian, were recently honored at a State Library Board meeting. Awards for meritorious service for the conception and implementation of the Internet Basics Workshops were presented to them by the trustees.

Since the fall of 1995, 20 sessions of the workshop have been presented. More than 336 people have attended the workshops. Evaluations have been extremely complimentary of the course and the presenters.



Bookmobiles: Sandhills to Scotland

by Gayle Sneed, Bookmobile Assistant, Richland County Public Library



Gayle Sneed, Bookmobile Assistant, RCPL

There is an overused cliché that implies great distance can be bridged through friendship and the recognition of familiar things in other settings. During the past three years, I have enjoyed a correspondence with one friend who shares my own occupation -- bookmobile service. Through our letters, we have both come to value the services we provide our patrons, whether in South Carolina heatwaves or Scottish blizzards.

Ian Brodie, a bookmobile driver from Edinburgh, Scotland, was first introduced to me when he and his wife were visiting family in South Carolina. He had taken a tour of our headquarters library and had asked if the bookmobile were at home. As we talked about truck design, reader interests, and stops, it became clear that we both had files of ideas and experiences that could be shared over the distance.

Ian's bookmobile is one of five units run from the Edinburgh Library System. His seven ton vehicle, at thirty feet in length and eleven in height, has been designed with features that might be mistaken for luxuries: a toilet (my personal favorite!), stove, sink with hot and cold water, a padded engine cover doing duty as an available emergency bed, and a shortwave transmitter/receiver. He also carries rock salt, strips of carpet to put under the rear wheels for traction in snow and ice, a sleeping bag, and candles. Food supplies are kept on board, not only for long shifts, but also for weather-bound emergencies. Ian's vehicle carries heavy-duty, deep discharge batteries that provide heating, lighting, and power to the computer. These batteries are very heavy, expensive (~\$2,000 to replace), and at age 11, have lost much of their original capacity, so economy in power con-

sumption is necessary. Stretching the remaining power over a seven-hour shift takes some ingenuity. If he uses the heater, he may run out of power to light the truck; if the power goes too low, the computer will give up. In comparison, my truck has no generator; however, at all but four of my stops, we have installed electric service boxes that I connect via a long electrical cord from the truck, making the truck into a large, mobile appliance. This powers heat or air conditioning and lights without the troubles that sometime plague generators. Although my own truck is a smaller, more Spartan, day service vehicle, we each carry about 2,500 volumes.

Serving seven villages, two primary schools, one Army camp, one Royal Air Force base, and three farms, Ian works alone, except for occasional cooperative ventures to schools with the youth services staff for storytelling and library promotion. Although the terrain and schedules differ, this is roughly comparable to my own substantially solo service to suburban and rural areas in the outlying stretches of the county. I don't have military facilities on my route, but I serve many retired military personnel.

The similarities end when the topic of weather conditions comes up. Between Edinburgh and Columbia we are talking two extremes. South Carolina weather can be most interesting. Summer is a season that extends far beyond its calendar limits. My standard summer gear consists of a weather radio (frequent, severe storms add spice to the bookmobile life), cooler (for obvious reasons), and cotton clothing (shorts are a must). I have been caught in tornado warnings, and have devised safe havens at each stop in case the truck needs to be pulled into a more sheltered spot and temporarily abandoned. I look forward to our mild winter.

In Edinburgh, the situation is reversed. Winter in Scotland, especially in the hill country Ian serves, is like

summer in South Carolina -- harsh and long. This past season was no exception. Ian reported snow from three inches to 15 foot drifts, winds up to 100 mph, and temperatures as low as -20 degrees ("colder than Moscow") freezing his diesel fuel. At times, a rise in temperature will melt a layer of snow during the day, only to refreeze the slush during the night. This dangerous black ice on the roads is then hidden by fresh snowfalls.

We have kept a gentle war going to see who suffers the most from nature inclements -- at this time Ian is ahead. In one letter he asked, "Any vacancies in Richland County? I do have a pair of shorts bought in 1947!" Admittedly, I have similar feelings towards Scotland when the worst of the heat, humidity, fire ants (they are attracted to electrical service boxes), and mosquitoes (they are attracted to librarians in shorts) have settled over us. My husband did give me a warm winter coat from his days in Michigan that I've never worn. Maybe I can trade it for the shorts ...

Our differences have never overshadowed the goals common to most bookmobile services. We know budget constraints are universal, problems with all kinds of electrical services are common, and there are never enough copies of the newest John Grisham. I don't even need to ask if he runs out of "Goosebump" books during summer reading club season. We both know, when reflecting on the job, that the service is invaluable to most patrons! Despite one ocean and 3,868 intervening miles, it is a small world after all.



Ian Brodie's Bookmobile, Edinburgh, Scotland

State Publications of Interest

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Beginning with this issue of **News for South Carolina Libraries**, this column will feature electronic information as well as print state publications. As more agencies link to the state's homepage on the World Wide Web (www), information previously available only in print or at the agency itself may be only a mouse click away. This issue's electronic topic features the overall state government web page; future issues will be more detailed about specific sites.

Electronic:

Pointing your web browser to <http://www.state.sc.us> will take you to the homepage of South Carolina state government. This site links the user to all three branches of state government (executive, legislative, and judicial) as well as to entities related to state government (regional planning councils, key organizations, city governments, public higher education institutions, county libraries).

Format of information varies greatly among these links. You can find for example: ETV and public radio program listings; current exhibits at the State Museum; full text of legislation from 1993 to the present; SC's congressional delegation; collection of art usually housed in the State House; SC Supreme Court decisions, 1996; financial condition of the state; state government telephone numbers; elementary and secondary education statistics; watercraft rules and regulations; information on camping and recreational facilities at state parks.

Print:

The Energy factbook: a resource for South Carolina. South Carolina State Energy Office, [1996?] 40 p. (1201 Main St., Suite 820, Columbia, 29201)

An Environmental guide for South Carolina autobody shop: an overview of rules, permits and pollution prevention. South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Office of Environmental Quality Control, Small Business Assistance Program, [1st ed., 1995] 14 p. (2600 Bull St., Columbia, 29201)

Family planning manual. South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Division of Women and Children's Services, [1995] 140 p. (2600 Bull St., Columbia, 29201)

Heritage corridor plan. Prepared by the joint venture of Lane, Frenchman and Associates, Inc. and CityDesign Collaborative, Inc. in association with Wilbur Smith Associates, Inc., Hammer, Siler, George, Inc., Cranston, Robertson & Whitehurst, P.C. South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism, [1996] 16, 109 p. (1205 Pendleton St., Suite 110, Columbia, 29201)

Manual for owners of historic buildings. State Historic Preservation Office, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, c1995. v, 92 p. (1430 Senate St., PO Box 11669, Columbia, 29211)

Minding our "P's" and "Q's": indications of productivity and quality in South Carolina's public colleges and universities: reports on Act 255 of 1992 and summary report on institutional effectiveness. [Annual accountability report, 1994/95] South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, [1996] 382 p. (1333 Main St., Suite 200, Columbia, 29201)

The 1995-96 Palmetto profile: a look at living and working in South Carolina. South Carolina Employment

Security Commission, Labor Market Information Division, [1996] [14] p. (1550 Gadsden St., PO Box 995, Columbia, 29202)

The quality of the environment in South Carolina. South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, [1996] 19, [1] p. (2600 Bull St., Columbia, 29201)

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South Carolina criminal and juvenile justice trends, 1995. Prepared by South Carolina Department of Public Safety, Office of Safety and Grants, Statistical Analysis Center, 1995. iv, 222 p. (5410 Broad River Rd., Columbia, 29210)

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SC Information Exchange

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Seventy librarians representing academic, public, and special libraries across South Carolina attended the third annual South Carolina Information Exchange. The Exchange was sponsored by the South Carolina State Library on May 16 at the Richland County Public Library in Columbia.

The Information Exchange provides a forum to inform and update librarians about information resources and services relating to the state of South Carolina. This year's program focused on the legislative and budgetary process of the state and information resources relating to these processes, as well as services offered by state government agencies to assist South Carolina business firms.

Michael Shealy, assistant director of the Office of the State Budget, SC State Budget and Control Board, untangled the seemingly complex processes that govern the enactment of legislation and the passage of the annual state budget. Leslie Vang, director of Legislative Printing and Information Technology Resources, provided participants with a guided tour through her office's web site on the South Carolina General Assembly (www.lpitr.state.sc.us). This site is loaded with information to assist persons in tracking the status of legislation, finding the text of legislation, obtaining information on the legislative calendar, getting information about a legislator,



as well as some "fun pages" designed to inform and educate children.

The afternoon portion of the conference highlighted representatives of state agencies which are providing direct information services and assistance to business firms in South Carolina. Scott Inkley, director of Business Gate-

way, explained this new computerized service which is designed to provide business firms with online access and matches to procurement opportunities in the state, federal, and private sectors. Alice Appleby and Sean Breyer from the South Carolina Department of Commerce demonstrated management and geographic information services. Their agency provides information to business firms in order to attract new business to South Carolina and to help existing businesses make decisions for capital improvements

and expansion. Diana Tester, executive manager of the South Carolina State Data Center, informed attendees of the varying tailored statistical services that her office provides businesses and other organizations, such as libraries, that are seeking special customized analysis of information produced by her office and the United States Census Bureau.

The next conference is scheduled for May 8, 1997.

Networking Update

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Among the many models of library networks, South Carolina has a unique version in APPnet. Organized in 1993 as a partnership between the regional planning council and several types of libraries located across the upstate, the network continues to grow. Tom Lowrimore, Coordinator of Systems and Planning, Spartanburg County Library has worked with APPnet since its earliest days. He submitted the following update.
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APPnet is a consortium of upstate South Carolina information providers. Our group is coordinated by the Appalachian Council of Governments. Each member institution appoints a representative to the APPnet Board. The focus of APPnet for the past three years has been getting members connected with each other so that we might better share our resources.

Last year a special project connected four member institutions to the Internet. These four institutions (Anderson County Library, Appala-

chian Council of Governments, Greenville County Library, and Spartanburg County Public Library) cooperatively negotiated and bought a shared Internet connection. By sharing the cost of this connection the four institutions made connectivity more affordable.

The coming year's work program includes adding four new members to the APPnet roll. These four institutions (Cherokee County Library, Oconee County Library, Pickens County Library, and South Carolina

School for the Deaf and Blind) will also join in the Internet connectivity project.

This year we will also see Bob Jones University Library's catalog made available to the network.

Other members of APPnet include Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce, Greenville Technical College, Spartanburg Technical College, Tri-County Technical College, University of South Carolina--Spartanburg, Wofford College, and York Technical College.

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September, 1996

26: Beating the Critter Jitters: Integrated Pest Management." Francis Marion University, Florence, SC. Sponsored by SOLINET, SC State Library, and PALMCOP. Contact Amy Bernath, 1-800-999-8558.

27: "To Fume or Not to Fume: Alternative Fumigation Techniques for Museums, Libraries, and Archives." Francis Marion University, Florence, SC. Sponsored by SOLINET, SC State Library, and PALMCOP. Contact Amy Bernath, 1-800-999-8558.

27: Branch and Extension Managers Interest Group Meeting. Sponsored by SC State Library. Contact JoAnn Olson, (803) 734-8666.

October, 1996

13 - 16: Public Library Service: Principles and Practice. Sponsored by SC State Library. Designed for public library support staff. Contact Lea Walsh, (803) 734-8666.

22 - 26: Southeastern Library Association Conference, Lexington, KY.

30 - November 1: South Carolina Library Association Annual Conference, Greenville, SC.

November, 1996

8: State Residential Institution Librarians Interest Group Meeting. Sponsored by SC State Library. Contact JoAnn Olson, (803) 734-8666.

13 - 14: Internet Basics. Sponsored by SC State Library. Contact Mary Bull, (803) 734-8666.

December, 1996

4: Public Relations Librarians Information Exchange. Presented by SC State Library. Contact John Landrum, (803) 734-8666.

February, 1997

14 - 20: American Library Association Midwinter Meeting, Washington, DC.

June, 1997

26 - July 3: American Library Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

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