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A Message From Our Agency Director

Dear Supporter,

Each year the South Carolina House Legislative Oversight Committee conducts a review of select state agencies. For the last year, the South Carolina State Library has been preparing for an extensive in-depth process that examines our agency. This process begins with a written report that details every service we provide, every grant we have awarded, and every product we purchase and administer over a three-year period. We submitted that comprehensive report and are moving to the next phase of the process.

The next phase of the process begins with public input. We would very much appreciate it if you could take a few moments to share how the South Carolina State Library has impacted you, your library, or your community. The written statement only takes a few minutes to complete but could significantly impact the Legislature's understanding of how important libraries are and how the State Library plays a vital role in our state. There are two ways for library supporters to provide input about the State Library services:

- Provide a written statement only: <https://tinyurl.com/yj3tjsku>
- Sign up to provide public testimony: <https://tinyurl.com/ye4w4qjh> (PDF)

Public testimony regarding the State Library programs and services will take place on April 8, 2021. You may provide input virtually, and it generally takes about three to five minutes. Pre-recorded video is not allowed for public testimony as speakers must be sworn in.

The public input portion of the process is an important part of the agency review because it allows the Members of the Committee to hear directly from the public regarding our services.

If you love Discus – South Carolina's Virtual Library, are a TBS patron, have benefited from training or an education grant, have received assistance from staff, or a subgrant for your library, please consider providing testimony for our agency. This review is our opportunity to showcase our services, and your comments are helpful. Partner comments are also welcome.

Please sign-up for public testimony or complete a written statement regarding how we have assisted you, your staff, or your community.

Thank You,

Leesa M. Aiken
Director, South Carolina State Library



*To view the overall process of the House Legislative Oversight Committee, follow this link:
<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee.php>

UPCOMING events

Secrets to Climbing the Management Ladder | 04/07/2021

This interactive session helps you brainstorm to create your career plan while learning to avoid rookie mistakes that can derail your goals.

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The Virtual Reference Interview | 04/14/2021

Explore tips and techniques to create personal connections that engage virtual users to deliver positive and worthwhile customer service experiences.

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Leading During a Crisis: Part 3 | 04/21/2021

Take a proactive approach to the COVID-19 pandemic by learning to identify opportunities, navigate challenges, and build community partnerships to benefit your library.

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Salute What We Do



Beginning Sunday, we celebrate our nation's libraries with National Library Week and honor library workers' contributions while promoting library use and support. This year's theme is *Welcome to Your Library*. Libraries' adaptations to serve patrons during the pandemic are clear examples of how libraries adjust to meet the need for resources no matter the circumstances. Highlights for the week include [National Library Workers Day](#) on April 6, [National Library Outreach Day](#) on April 7, and [Take Action for Libraries Day](#) on April 8. Track the hashtags #NationalLibraryWeek and #LibrariesTransform on social media. The American Library Association encourages libraries to access its [online press kit](#) to supplement their local promotions.



Get Cooking!

We help turn up the heat and get library staff fired up about creating food literacy programs. Chef Steve Harden from the [Escoffier School of Culinary Arts](#) hosts a series of workshops, each containing a dash of fundamentals and a handful of ideas. The series begins with [Knife Safety and Techniques](#) on April 15. [April 22](#) is devoted to the art of cooking with an in-depth look at recipes and food presentation. Finally, whether remote or live, there are engaging ways to draw participants into the demonstration. Chef Harden will explore those [on April 29](#). Space is limited, so register today.

Library Voices SC



Poetry for the Ears

Commemorate National Poetry month with two South Carolina poets. [Ed Madden](#) is a poet, activist, and former Director of Women's and Gender Studies at the University of South Carolina. He is also the Columbia City Poet Laureate and author of four poetry books—*Signals*, which won the 2007 SC Poetry Book Prize; *Prodigal*; *Variations*; *Nest*; and *Ark*. Ann-Chadwell Humphries is author of [An Eclipse and a Butcher](#), her first book of poetry. They join Dr. Curtis Rogers in the [LibraryVoicesSC podcast](#) to share the inspiration behind their work and the creative ways that communities are making poetry a public art. Listen online at [Podbean](#), [Stitcher](#), [TuneIn Radio](#), or your favorite podcast app today!

Recordings Available

Last month's Southeastern Collaborative Online Conference was a huge success. If you could not



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attend or want to re-watch your favorite webinar, [visit our YouTube channel](#). The session recordings are available for you to watch on your schedule. Special thanks to our partners at the Georgia Public Library Service, State Library of North Carolina, and the Library of Virginia.

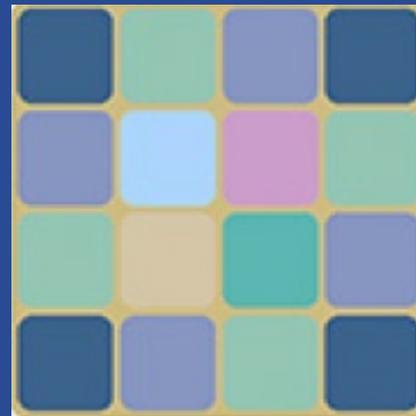
Little Hands Signing

It is not too late to join the American Sign Language class to enhance your storytimes. [This weekly course](#) demonstrates stories, songs, rhymes, and techniques that you can use in programs for all ages. [Presenter Kathy MacMillan](#) bases each session's vocabulary on a seasonal theme. We will record and archive each session for those who are unable to attend live.



Authors of SC Featuring Marie Bostwick

New York Times bestselling author Marie Bostwick shares the South's charmed city of Charleston with readers in her newest book *The Restoration of Celina Fairchild*. This story of an advice columnist's soul-searching renovation of a family home and her life entertains readers with an inspirational look at the bonds of friendship and community. Get to know Marie Bostwick during the next virtual author talk on April 8 at 7:00 p.m. [Registration is free.](#)



Pattern Research Presents: The Expectations Model

Avoid micromanaging and learn how to lead while nurturing an employee's style, focusing on outcomes and accomplishments. Host Pat Wagner demonstrates communication techniques that improve staff interactions and promote a positive, productive work environment. Your bottom line can't afford for you to miss [this webinar on April 20](#). Register and take the next step toward creating a work culture that lets employees thrive while expressing their innovations on your terms.



Mark Your Calendar

Please plan to join us at 11:00 a.m. on April 28, when we recognize the 2020 Notable State Documents Award winners. These notable publications call attention to the most informative documents released by state agencies in 2020. The virtual ceremony will take place via Zoom. We will post registration information in an upcoming Weekly Update.



Keys to Inclusive Programs and Displays

Plan inclusive programs and displays that delight all patrons' curious minds while building community and encouraging creativity. Learn how to use community event calendars, grants, templates, and other planning tools to create a welcoming space and inclusive library programs. Also, discover how outreach and online programs make it easy to maximize and add value to the library experience. We will record this session but encourage you to [register to join us live on April 22](#) at 2:00 p.m.



Reference Essentials

A typical day for front-line library staff can encompass anything from helping with school assignments to servicing technology issues and needs. Get your team prepared to handle anything with the second part of our Library Basics series. The [session on April 15](#) will help staffers know the right questions to ask during reference interviews, reliable information sources, and tips and tricks for technology questions.

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