

*Authorized by the General Assembly in 1929, the South Carolina State Library Board was charged with establishing and improving public library services. It was redesignated the South Carolina State Library in 1969.*

## OUR VISION

The South Carolina State Library is a national model for innovation, collaboration, leadership and effectiveness. It is the keystone in South Carolina's intellectual landscape.

## OUR MISSION

We optimize South Carolina's investment in library and information services.

## We do this by:

- Supporting good governance for South Carolinians through the provision of research and information services to elected officials and state government personnel.
- Providing equal access to information for all South Carolinians.
- Ensuring collaboration and cooperation among information providers and cultural institutions.
- Defining standards for libraries and librarianship that promote professionalism and excellence among library personnel statewide.
- Providing and promoting superior library and information services through research, development and implementation of leading edge practices.
- Advocating for innovation and learning in order to create a better informed and more skilled South Carolina citizenry.

# HOW TO REACH THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE LIBRARY

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## South Carolina State Library

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FAX: (803) 734-8676 (Administration)

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## Talking Book Services

1430 Senate Street

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Columbia, South Carolina 29202-0821

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## SERVING SOUTH CAROLINA CITIZENS

State Library services are provided to citizens through local libraries.

Services and resources include:

- Materials and research services for information not available in local libraries
- South Carolina Center for the Book [www.sccenterforthebook.org](http://www.sccenterforthebook.org)
- DISCUS – South Carolina’s Virtual Library provides free, online access to subscription information databases - [scdiscus.org](http://scdiscus.org)
- South Carolina SchoolRooms—serving students, teachers, parents, and librarians [scsl.schoolrooms.net](http://scsl.schoolrooms.net)

## SERVING SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNMENT

The State Library’s research staff assists all state employees, legislative personnel and members of the SC General Assembly.

Services and resources include:

- Personalized research on work-related topics
- Extensive materials collections including South Carolina state government and federal government publications
- Access to materials in other library collections
- Multimedia materials to support staff development and training
- 24/7 access to online information databases
- Librarian-facilitated training sessions
- Ask A Librarian chat reference service

## SERVING SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES

Services to libraries include:

- Coordination of a statewide summer reading program for children
- Administration of state and federal grants
- Support of legislation to improve libraries and library services
- Library consultant services
- Continuing education opportunities for library staffs and trustees
- Public information and marketing assistance
- Annual statistics on public, academic and state institutional libraries usage
- Internet access for the public
- Reference and research assistance
- Print and electronic materials collection to supplement local resources

## SERVING CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES

Talking Book Services provides specialized free library service to eligible South Carolinians.

Services and resources include:

- Recorded, Braille and large print books and magazines
- Specialized playback equipment
- Described movies
- Postage-free delivery and return of all loaned materials and equipment
- Eligible users include:  
Citizens with blindness, visual impairments, learning disabilities and other qualifying physical impairments.

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS OF THE SC STATE LIBRARY

- Grants research collection contains grant and funding resources available to individuals and organizations. The library also publishes the South Carolina Foundation Directory
- South Carolina Collection includes published materials about the state and South Carolinians—publications that are primarily genealogical are not included
- South Carolina State Documents Collection (the largest in the world) includes publications produced by state agencies and the General Assembly

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