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Photo Contest Winners Announced

The South Carolina State Library is pleased to announce the winners of the Third Annual National Library Week 'Day in the Life of South Carolina Libraries' photo contest. During the days of April 12-18, South Carolina library staff members submitted a wide range of photographs of librarians working, teaching patrons, library events, and in some cases, just having fun doing what they love. Library staff members from all types of libraries were encouraged to submit photos that captured the essence of South Carolina libraries and librarianship. Winners will also be recognized on the South Carolina State Library's web site and during the 2009 SCLA Annual Conference, October 28-30, 2009 at the Columbia Marriott. Judging criteria was based on composition, quality, subject, lighting, creativity, and the ability to capture the spirit of South Carolina libraries. A total of eight photos were selected winners in four main categories. Main categories were Best Overall, Librarians Helping Patrons, Librarians as Technology Gurus, and Most Humorous. Six honorable mentions were also selected. The State Library thanks everyone who participated in the contest!

All of the contest photos are available at the NLW Day in the Life of SC Libraries Flickr group located at <http://www.flickr.com/groups/nlwscontest2009>.

**BEST OVERALL
1ST PLACE**



Winthrop University Library: PASCAL
DOES Deliver!



BEST OVERALL—2nd Place. Richland County Public Library: Circulation Overload!



LIBRARIANS HELPING PATRONS—1st Place. Sumter County Library: Children's Librarian Nipa Brown reading to children during Storytime.

Librarians Helping Patrons



LIBRARIANS HELPING PATRONS—2nd Place. Abbeville County Public Library: Have you seen this? It just came in! Library Assistant Rita Brownette helps Ashley Weyer find just what she needs.



LIBRARIANS AS TECHNOLOGY GURUS—1st Place. Richland County Public Library: RCPL's Video Messaging allows RCPL patrons at The Link, Ballentine to speak directly with RCPL librarians.

Librarians as Technology Gurus



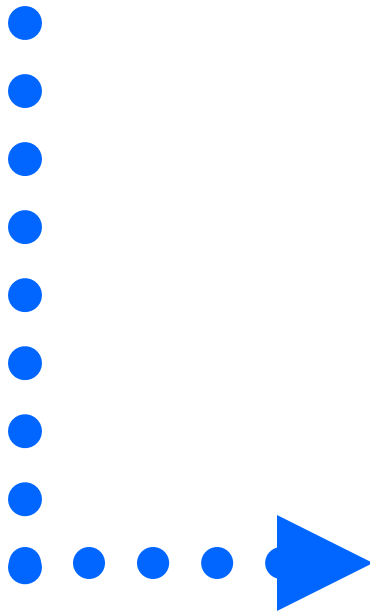
LIBRARIANS AS TECHNOLOGY GURUS—2nd Place. Dorchester County Library: Kathy, who is part of an IT team, takes a break.



Most Humorous

Kimbel Library is the SC Digital Library Regional Scanning Center!

MOST HUMOROUS—1st Place. Coastal Carolina University Library: Chauncey shows off CCU's new scanner. (These photos were part of our National Library Week display, describing library services at Coastal Carolina University's Kimbel Library.)



MOST HUMOROUS—2nd Place. Laurens County Library: Computer Maintenance ...or ... Murder in the Library??

Honorable Mentions



Richland County Public Library:
Too many titles to choose from!



Dorchester County Library: A day in the life of shelver,
Paula Cannon.



Beaufort County public
Library: Amanda practicing
stories on loyal library
patrons!



Charleston County Public Library:
The reality of new budget cuts...



Abbeville County Library: Storytime isn't just
for people! Director Mary Elizabeth Land reads
to the guinea pig. The book? Beatrix Potter's
The Tale of Tuppenny, of course!



Anderson County
Library: Even
shelving is fun!

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