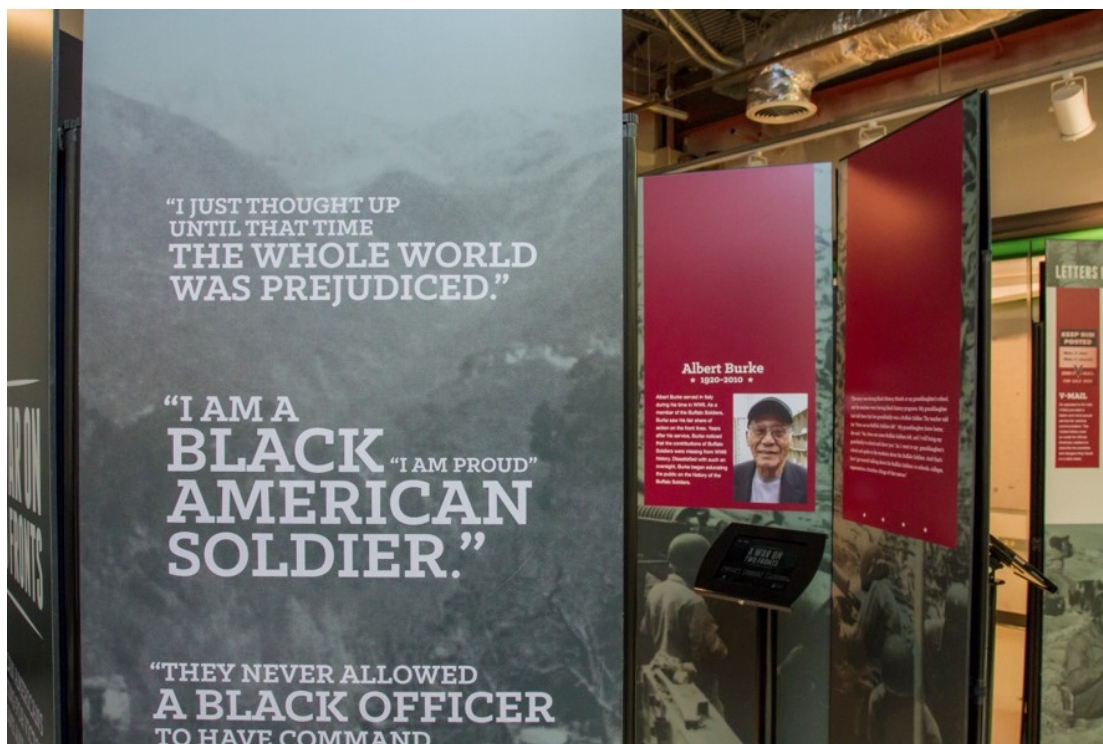




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Whether you entertain or staycation this holiday season, make plans to visit our [War on Two Fronts](#) exhibit. This multi-media platform is a first for the State Library. Walk among the interactive panels and witness the history of African American soldiers from the 92nd Division of the U.S. Army during World War II. These men faced discrimination while fighting to protect freedom and democracy. See their medals and journey through the heroic endeavors that it took to earn them. Also experience V-mail, where you can read touching letters written to friends and loved

ones. *A War on Two Fronts* offers a unique perspective on The Greatest Generation, one that can impact the outlook of generations that follow.

SC Libraries

The Data Tells the Story

Summer reading surveys from public libraries tell their own stories of a successful summer. We dive into them during part two of the [Summer Reading Wrap-Up](#) meeting on December 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Hear why certain programs succeeded and what your peers think we need to change moving into 2020. We will also check in with staff from the [Public Library Association](#) and learn how to use [Project Outcome](#) to measure and analyze the outcomes of programs and services. Lunch is provided. Please [register](#) in advance.



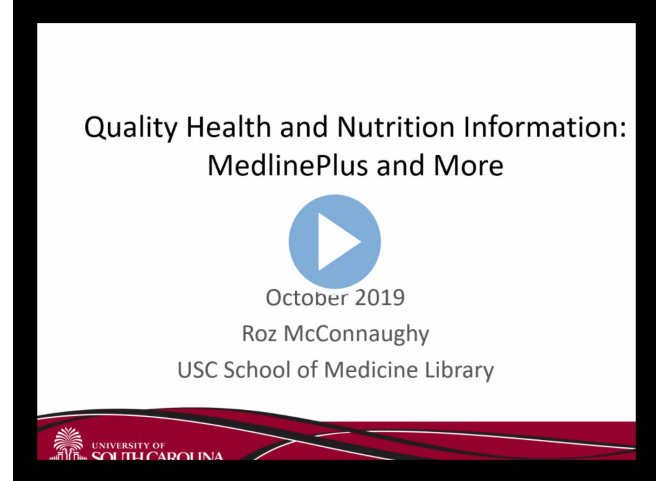
Tools of the Trade

Library staff is invited to the [Assistive Technology Cooking Program](#) on December 10 from 10 a.m. to noon. Learn about adaptive cooking tools and resources to create more inclusive programs for patrons with disabilities. Presenters from the University of South Carolina's Assistive Technology Program will also talk about how certain diagnoses affect a person's ability to use cooking tools and offer suggestions on ways to adapt. [Register for this free workshop](#) to get a fresh perspective on adaptive tools and food literacy programs.

Health Directed Databases

This fall, [Roz McConaughy](#), Assistant Director of Education and Outreach at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Library, trained library staff on databases from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM). In case you missed it, [watch this video](#) and

expand your health information toolkit. Roz breaks down various medical websites including [Medline Plus](#), and shows you how to find easy to understand medical information. These are resources that you can pass on to patrons when doing [SC Read Eat Grow](#) programming. Don't wait until the first of the year to highlight health. [Press play](#) and start today.



State Employees



Don't Miss the Deadline

Nominate your agency's best publication for a 2019 [Notable State Document Award](#). The program recognizes outstanding state publications produced during the calendar year. Categories include physical or digital monographs (individual publications), serials, and websites. Enter online through the adjacent award icon or email to

statedocuments@statelibrary.sc.gov by December 31. For more information, contact [Sheila Dorsey](#), Government Documents Librarian.

Yes, You Can

It's not too late to achieve that 2019 goal to start a new proposal. Learn the basics of proposal writing for your nonprofit organization during the [Proposal Writing Basics](#) class on December 13 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Information Services

Librarian [Dawn Mullin](#) answers your questions about the key components of proposal writing and provides suggestions on ways to package the proposal, who should sign it, and where to find more information.

[Register today](#) and take the first step toward turning the plan into a polished proposal.



Letters About Literature

Stop Waiting, Start Writing

Do you know a student who cannot stop talking about their favorite book? Encourage them to write a

letter to the author. The [Letters About Literature](#) contest is open to students in grades 4 through 12. Students may choose any author, living or dead, from any genre, and write a personal letter explaining how that author's work changed their way of thinking about the world or themselves. The [South Carolina State Library Foundation](#) sponsors cash prizes for first through third place in each age category. You may [mail your entry](#) or [submit it online](#). The deadline for submissions is January 10, 2020.

Listen and Learn

According to the Commission on Reading, reading aloud is the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for children to succeed in reading. Our [Inclusive Services Center](#) has a collection of books from [Wonderbook](#) and [VOX Books](#). Each book has a speaker that plays audio recordings of the text while readers follow along. These types of books are especially helpful for children with learning disabilities and English Language Learners. They are available for checkout through [SCLENDS](#) or you may visit the Inclusive Services Center.





The [History Reference Center](#) is provided through Discus - South Carolina's Virtual Library and is for middle school students through adults. It is a comprehensive U.S. and world history reference resource with more than 1,990 full-text reference works from leading history publishers. The Center also includes 150+ full-text history periodicals, historical documents, biographies, photos, and maps, as well as more than 80 hours of video content on social, political, and cultural history from 1893 to 1985. Learn more at [SCDiscus.org](#).

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