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A Note from the Agency Director

Denise Lyons, Deputy Director of Statewide Programs recently presented Every Day Literacy: South Carolina's Toolbox for Library Centered Intergenerational Literacy Programs as a poster session at the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) conference in Poland.

Lyons' presentation focused on low literacy as a multi-generational issue, and provided the Day by Day Family Literacy activity calendar as a resource for others serving rural areas, specifically. Building on basic family literacy concepts and incorporating the GrandFamily resource program, the calendar provides a year's worth of activities and other age-appropriate educational and support information to be used at home or in a classroom. Day by Day helps to further early skills that foster school preparation in young children.

Available in print in English, Spanish, and [online](#), the calendar is the foundation for the State Library's literacy toolbox. The calendar along with other materials, such as booklists, portable activity booklets, reading success recipe cards, growth charts, and STEM resources were presented along with training resources to aid librarians and educators in their communities. These items are [available here](#).

The poster's original design displays children developing a love of reading which grows big and multi-branched like a tree, with the strong roots of teachers, community, library, and the family unit. Children can build their literacy skills by utilizing various tools to grow stronger, and strengthen the foundation of their communities. The toolbox items were created to provide a variety of activities and training opportunities that build literacy skills in a diverse, fun, and interactive way.



All the best,

Leesa Aiken
SCSL Agency Director

SC Libraries

Collection Maintenance Basics for Youth Services:

Is your collection looking tired? Shelves overflowing? Join the State Library staff for a workshop on collection maintenance skills on November 17. Topics will include writing collection maintenance policies and schedules, evaluating items by condition and content, reading basic catalog reports, and developing the collection based on patron needs. Participants will leave with a basic collection policy and hands-on practice in all aspects of collection maintenance. For more information, [visit our website](#).

SC Performer Showcase: Are you interested in learning about potential performers for your Summer Reading Programs or other library programs? Have you ever wished you could meet performers in person, ask some questions and see if they are the right fit for your audience? The 2017 Performer Showcase, held on October 27, is your opportunity! This year's showcase will feature more than 20 performers, each given 15 minutes for set up, perform, and breakdown. Performers will also be available in a separate information room to meet and greet attendees during breaks. For more information, [visit our website](#).

State Employees

Win Tickets to the USC/Clemson Football Game: Help establish a strong literacy foundation for your child and support the Gamecock & Clemson championship traditions by participating in the South Carolina Department of Education's 2017 Read Your Way to the Big Game contest. All pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade students who read six books will qualify to win tickets to the Clemson vs. South Carolina game on November 25. Once students have completed their readings, they should turn in the list of books read to their teacher. Winners will receive four tickets and pre-game sideline passes to the Clemson vs. South Carolina game. The deadline for submissions is **November 10**. For more information, visit the [SCReads website](#).

New SC State Government Documents: [The South Carolina Digital State Documents Depository](#) provides access to publications produced by state agencies and state-supported academic institutions. This month we highlight This month we highlight a series of publications about Hepatitis A, B, & C from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. Of particular interest is [Hepatitis C: Why people born from 1945-1965 should get tested](#). This sheet tells what baby boomers should know about Hepatitis C, why they have such high rates and how to get tested.

SC Residents

Students Can Win Cash in the Letters About Literature writing contest:

Each year the Center for the Book at the Library of Congress in partnership with affiliate state centers for the book, invites readers in grades 4-12 to enter Letters About Literature, a national reading-writing contest. To enter, readers write a personal letter to an author, living or dead, from any genre-fiction or nonfiction, contemporary or classic, explaining how that author's work changed the student's way of thinking about the world or themselves. Students can win up to \$100! Submission deadline is **December 9**. For more information, visit the [SCReads website](#).

SC Center for the Book: Join us November 9 for our next author talk and book signing: *Taking Root: The Nature Writing of William and Adam Sumner of Pomaria* by James Everett Kibler, Jr. Written across two decades, this collection of essays by the Sumner brothers offer an impressive environmental ethic. Sustainability and long-term goals were key to their

philosophy. [To register, visit our calendar.](#)

Tech Tuesday - Digital Photography and Editing

Basics: "Tech Tuesdays" is a free learning session held at the State Library's newly designed Learning Lab and is open to the general public. This introductory class, held on November 14, will teach you the basics of using a digital camera. The class will also discuss image framing, composition, and how to use free online image editing tools. [To register for the class, visit our calendar.](#)

From Our Collection

Planning Your Next Road Trip



Federal government websites offer a dizzying amount of public information. Did you know that you can even plan a brilliant road trip using one site in particular: the [National Park Service](#)?

To get great ideas and plan your trip, start by clicking on the Menu tab from the homepage, and select "Trip Ideas" under Plan Your Visit on the drop down screen. If your heart is set on visiting a national park, select "Find a Park" from the same drop down screen. From here, you can select a state to find all the national parks within that state. South Carolina is home to two national parks: Congaree and Kings Mountain, which is specifically a national military park. Along with these two parks, South Carolina also hosts a number of national historic sites, monuments, heritage corridors, and more.

The National Park Service, a bureau of the [U.S. Department of the Interior](#), began in 1872 with the establishment of Yellowstone National Park. The National Park System now covers over 84 million acres in the United States and its territories.

Libraries within the Federal Depository Library System (FDLP) serve to connect citizens with Federal Government information. As an FDLP designated member, the SC State Library selects and adds Federal print and digital publications to our collection. Some of the most beautiful items are maps created by the National Park Service. Use our [SCLENDS](#) catalog to find these amazing maps, such as the one for [Congaree National Park](#). Remember, these items and more are here for you. Come check them out!

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