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### **A Note From our Director**

As the days grow longer and the sun shines brighter, we at the South Carolina State Library are excited to invite you to dive into the enriching world of summer reading. This season, our public libraries across the state will be buzzing with activities and programs designed to inspire, educate, and entertain readers of all ages.

Summer reading is more than just a pastime; it's an opportunity to discover new stories, explore different perspectives, and build a lifelong love for books. Whether you're a child just beginning your

reading journey, a teen eager to delve into young adult novels, or an adult looking to escape into a captivating narrative, summer reading programs offer something for everyone.

Our summer reading theme this year, "Adventure Begins at Your Library," encourages all participants to unleash their creativity and imagination. From fantasy and adventure to

historical fiction and memoirs, the selection of books available through our public libraries promises to transport you to new worlds and spark your curiosity.

In addition to an extensive collection of books, your local public libraries have planned a variety of engaging activities - author talks, book clubs, craft sessions, and reading challenges are just a few of the events that will make this summer unforgettable.

We understand that the summer months can be a time of learning loss, particularly for young students. Our goal is to combat this by providing resources that keep minds active and eager to learn. You can visit our [Discus website](#) to explore a variety of reading resources for the K-12 community like TumbleBooks and TeachingBooks. Explore puzzles and games, read-alongs, author interviews, book trailers, and more! By encouraging regular reading habits, we help bridge the gap, ensuring that students return to school in the fall ready to succeed.

I invite you all to visit your local library, explore their summer reading program, and participate in the exciting events planned. Together, let's make this summer a season of imagination, exploration, and growth.

Happy Reading!

Warmest regards,

Leesa M. Aiken  
South Carolina State Library Director

# ADVENTURE — BEGINS AT — YOUR LIBRARY™



UPCOMING  
events

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## Library Facilities Chat: 05/30/2024

Is your library embarking on a construction or renovation project? Are you brainstorming low-cost ways to improve your existing facilities? Do you have advice and lessons learned to share with your colleagues?

Join the State Library's Facilities and Access Consultant for an informal discussion and resource sharing session. Caroline Smith will give a short presentation of common ADA accessibility issues and low cost solutions, followed by an open discussion. Directors, managers, and public library staff involved with facilities projects are encouraged to attend.

This session will not be recorded. If you are unable to attend but would like to receive a copy of the notes, please contact **Caroline Smith**.

[Register Here](#)

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## Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers: 06/12/2024

Please join us on June 12th, 2024 at 11:00 am to learn about **Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers**, a website providing free access to over 20 million digitized newspaper pages across the United States. Chronicling America is produced by the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP) at the Library of Congress in partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities and contributing state partners. The South Carolina State Library is pleased to host Laura Carter, Project Manager of the South Carolina Digital Newspaper Program (SCDNP), at the University of South Carolina Libraries who will share with us about the SCDNP and the rich South Carolina historical newspapers it has contributed to Chronicling America since 2009.



In this webinar, Ms. Carter will cover the following topics:

1. Provide an in-depth tour of the Chronicling America website showcasing its new features and new search database
2. Explain how to use advanced and simple search methods
3. Give search tips to help narrow down results
4. Demonstrate how to save, download, and cite newspaper pages
5. Highlight additional Chronicling America resources

This webinar is for researchers, genealogists, educators, librarians, and anyone interested in accessing historical newspapers.

[Register Here](#)



### FFY24 Impact Grants Information Session: 06/12/2024

The application cycle is now open for FFY24 LSTA Impact Grants! Public library systems in South Carolina may apply for funds from \$5,000 to up to \$50,000 for a special project. Grants Coordinator Alexandra Sanders will host an information session and answer

questions you might have about applying for a FFY24 Impact Grant.

Grant applications and more details are available on the **LSTA Impact Grants for Public Libraries Page**.

This Project is funded with Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and administered by the South Carolina State Library (SCSL).

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### **Discover the South Carolina State Library: NewsBank America's Historical Newspapers: 06/17/2024**

Please join us to learn how to conduct current and historical newspaper research in NewsBank: America's Historical Newspapers. In this webinar, NewsBank representatives Kim Saunders and Deb Scott will demonstrate tips and search strategies for using this incredible resource which includes The State [Columbia, S.C.] from 1891-present and The Charleston Post and Courier [Charleston, S.C.] from 1800-present, as well as many other South Carolina and U.S. newspapers. NewsBank is available to all South Carolina residents, 18 and over, with a South Carolina State Library card.



Topics covered may include:

- Introduction and quick overview of America's News South Carolina
- What is included in NewsBank
- How to search the source list for specific titles and how to determine dates and formats.
- How to search the full collection
- How to use the historical archives
- How to save, print, download, email, and cite newspaper articles
- How to gain remote access to these rich resources with a free State Library card
- Overview of the value of newspaper information for patrons and students
- How other libraries and end-users are using these resources
- State Library staff will also be on hand to assist attendees with conducting initial searches and tips for locating South Carolina-specific content.

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## Story Time at the State Library



### Queen Quet

Chieftess of the Gullah/Geechee Nation

Queen Quet will present from her children's books and engage everyone in an interactive Gullah/Geechee presentation.

There will be a book signing afterwards.

### Speaker at the Center Series: Queen Quet and her Children's Books: 06/29/2024

Join the South Carolina Center for the Book for an author talk featuring **Queen Quet, Chieftess of the Gullah/Geechee Nation**, as she returns to the South Carolina State Library in Columbia, SC, in celebration of Black Music Month. Queen Quet will present from her children's books and engage everyone in an interactive Gullah/Geechee presentation. A book signing will follow.

We are excited to offer a program for families and hope to see everyone for this new and exciting experience!

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## Employee News



Congratulations to Public Services Librarian, Beyoncé Lundy, who received her Master of Library and Information Science degree this month!

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It is with great pleasure that we announce Breanne Smith's well-deserved promotion to Associate Deputy Director. Breanne earned her Master of Business Administration from Columbia College, a Bachelor of Arts in Public Affairs from Columbia College, and an Associate Degree in Paralegal Studies from Midlands Technical College. In addition to her education, Breanne has natural skills and talents related to organizational development, problem solving, building partnerships and community, and leadership.

Breanne has been with the State Library for five years and has consistently demonstrated excellence in her work endeavors; she is an integral part of the successes we have accomplished these last five years. In her new role as Associate Deputy Director, Breanne will be responsible for Administration, Communications, Project Management, Legislative Tracking, and operations of the State Library. We have full confidence that she will excel in this capacity and continue to positively impact the State Library and those we serve.

Congratulations, Breanne!

**Abbeville joins SLENDIS!**



We are excited to welcome Abbeville County Library System to SCLENDS!

**SCLENDS** is a consortium of 20 county libraries and the State Library that have agreed to share resources and circulating materials. SCLENDS libraries share a single catalog allowing patrons to search for items in all of the libraries as easily as you search for items in your home library.



### Recent Additions to the South Carolina Collection

- Sweet tea secrets from the deep-fried South by Jane Jenkins Herlong
- The Allstons of Chicora Wood : wealth, honor, and gentility in the South Carolina Lowcountry by William Kauffman Scarborough

- Ordinary Jews in an extraordinary world by Larry Walter Freudenberg
- The history of St. Luke's Lutheran Church within the Olympia-Pacific community Columbia, South Carolina 1904-2004 one hundred years by St. Luke's Lutheran Church (Columbia, SC)
- Hickory Grove Cemetery : a publication to assist in preserving the rich heritage of the citizens of Hickory Grove, SC by John F. Sherer, Jr.
- The Ross-Chesnut-Sutton family of South Carolina : with the Ross lineage of the author William Gilmore Simms and an appendix by William B. White, Jr.

## New Circulating Kits

**New Circulating Kits!**

**Board Game Kit #2**

**Board Game Kit #3**

**Brain Teaser Kit #2**

**Lego Coding Express**

**Lego Letters**

**Wooden Instruments Kit**

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# Skill Toys Kits



We have new and updated Circulating Kits! The South Carolina State Library Circulating Kits contain everything you need to host a library program. To learn more about our Circulating Kits and to check one out, click below.

[Learn More](#)



### **State Library Recognized by South Carolina Human Affairs Commission**

Earlier this month Leesa Aiken, Agency Director, and Rashad Hickson, Human Resources Manager, attended the 2024 EEO Forum hosted by the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission. The State Library received an award for achieving 100% of our Affirmative Action Goals for 2022-2023.

### **A Store at Every Crossroads: Documenting the Stories of South Carolina's Jewish Merchants Exhibit**

Visit the South Carolina State Library through the end of the month to see A Store at Every Crossroads: Documenting the Stories of South Carolina's Jewish Merchants, in recognition of Jewish-American Heritage Month.

This is an important traveling exhibition developed in partnership between the South Carolina State Museum and the Jewish Historical Society of South Carolina. This exhibition is part of The Jewish Merchant Project, which documents the experiences of Jewish merchants in the state.



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