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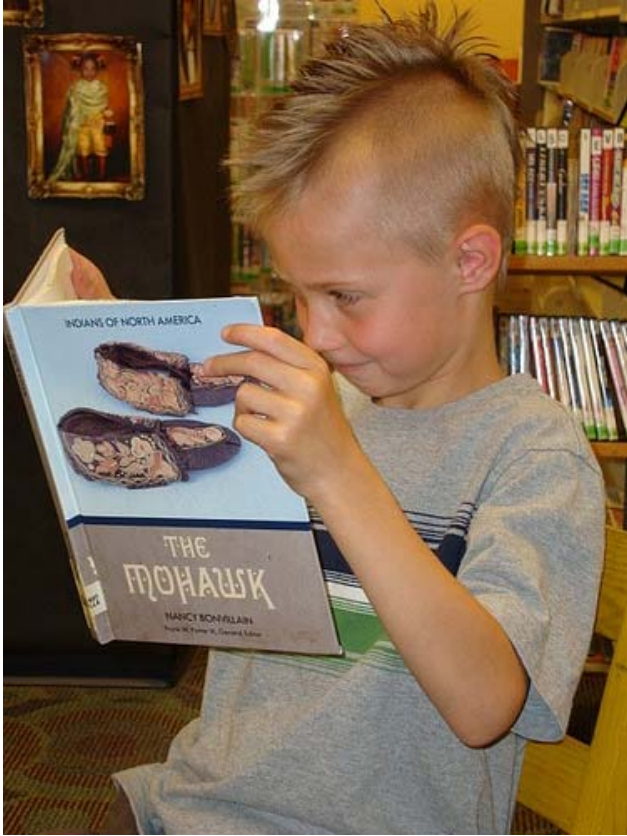
Photo Contest Winners Announced

COLUMBIA, S.C. – The South Carolina State Library is pleased to announce the winners of the Fourth Annual National Library Week 'Day in the Life of South Carolina Libraries' photo contest. During the days of April 11-17, 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 2010 SCLA Annual Conference, October 20-22, 2010 in Myrtle Beach.

Judging criteria was based on composition, quality, subject, lighting, creativity, and the ability to capture the spirit of South Carolina libraries. A total of ten photos were selected winners in five main categories. Main categories were Best Overall, Librarians Helping Patrons, Librarians as Technology Gurus, Library Events/Programs, and Most Humorous. Four 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/nlw2010contest/>.

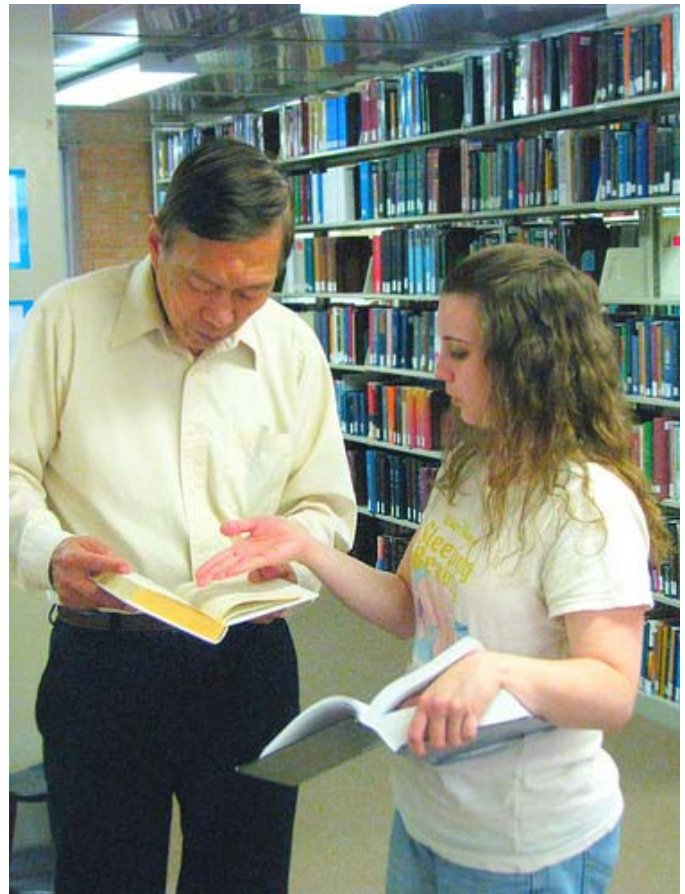


*Best Overall: 1st Place -
TJ Brown, age 19 months
really seems to love the
book Lee County Library
Director Dawn Ellen is
reading.*



*Best Overall: 2nd Place -
“Every Book its Reader”
at the Charleston County
Public Library, Main
Branch. There's a book
for everyone and every
hair style!*

*Librarians Helping
Patrons: 1st Place -
Columbia International
University Fleece library
reference staff member
working hard helping a
patron find what they
need.*





Librarians Helping Patrons: 2nd Place - A research librarian at Clemson University consults with a grad student on using databases.

Librarians as Technology Gurus: 1st Place - Frozen PC? Bad disk? Mr. Troy's got you covered at the York County Public Library



No sweat! Nothing we can't fix!



Librarians as Technology Gurus: 2nd Place - Fixing vital technology with a smile at Columbia International University's Fleece Library.

Most Humorous: 1st Place -Some of the Lee County Public Library patrons feel soooo comfy they fall asleep!!!





*Most Humorous:
2nd Place -Sumter
County Public
Library
Cataloger Susan
Goldstein is
frightened by the
amount of books
she must soon
process!*

*Library
Events/Program:
1st Place –
It's a full room
for the free
computer class
for York County
Library card
holders.*

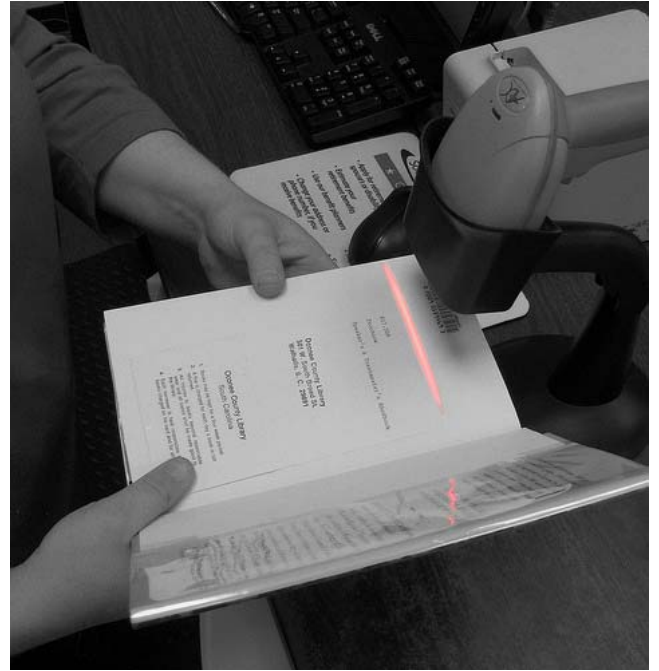


*Library Events/Program: 2nd Place
–Sumter County Public Library
Children's Librarian Nipa Brown
reads to some very interested
children.*

Honorable Mentions



Lee County Public Library: Genesis Brown, with sister Quadriyyah and friend Brynn Edwards.



Checking books in, checking them out at the Oconee County Public Library – Seneca Branch



Oconee County Public Library – Seneca Branch: Shelving is a never ending task



Marion County Library staff. Each day is a sitcom here, so we needed a logo!

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About the S.C. State Library

The South Carolina State Library is the primary administrator of federal and state support for the state's libraries. The Library is a national model for innovation, collaboration, leadership and effectiveness. The Library's mission is to optimize South Carolina's investment in library and information services. In 1969, as the result of action by the General Assembly, the State Library Board was redesignated as the South Carolina State Library and assumed responsibility for public library development, library service for state institutions, service for the blind and physically handicapped, and library service to state government agencies. Headquartered in Columbia, S.C., the Library is funded by the state of South Carolina, by the federal government through the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and other sources. For more information, visit www.statelibrary.sc.gov or call 803-734-8666.