



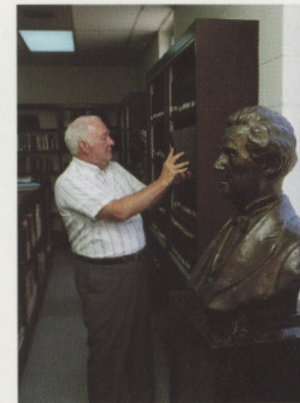
*Want to –*

- Hear a story?*
- Talk about a book?*
- Pet a baby alligator?*

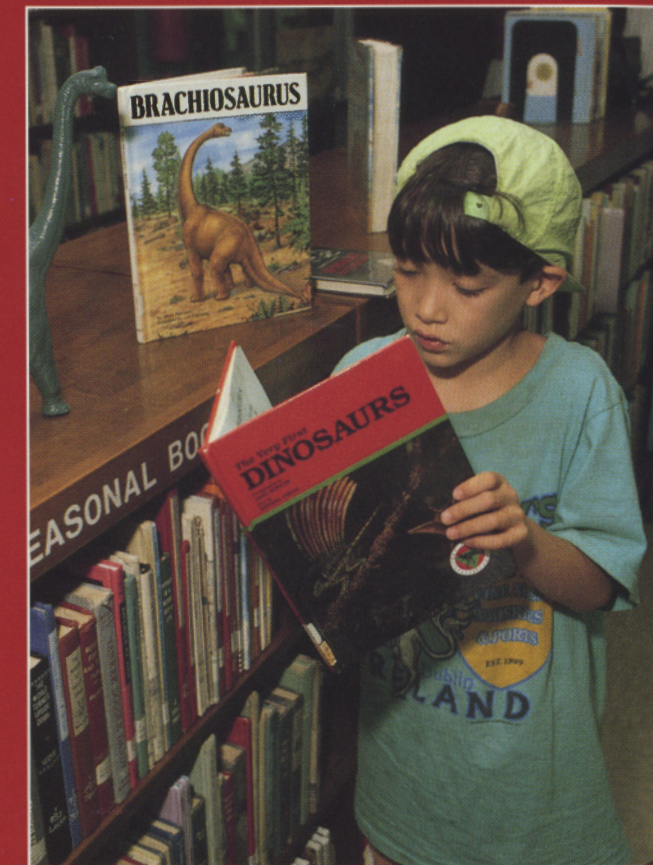
Library events, such as summer reading programs, put children in touch with the world around them as well as the world of the imagination. The public library is the place to be for reading excitement - for children and adults alike.



To find out about these and other library services, visit your county or regional library and check us out. Join the one-and-a-half million South Carolinians who have found that libraries contribute vitally to the quality of their lives. Make sure everyone in your family has a library card. It's small enough to fit in your pocket...powerful enough to change your life!



# LIBRARIES . . . CHECK US OUT!



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## South Carolina Public Libraries



Whether you want to read about dinosaurs, view an exhibit or start a business in your home, a world of information is available free of charge at your public library.

Welcome to the library, where service is our first priority! The library staff will introduce you to a variety of resources and help you to locate:

- new books and paperbacks
- large print books
- books on tape
- magazines and newspapers
- videos
- music on cassette or compact disc
- business information
- reference assistance
- genealogy and local history

### Want to –

- Follow the stock market?
- Find a science project?
- Research your family tree?

South Carolina libraries today are equipped to serve the varied interests of every age group – from toddlers to senior citizens and everyone in between. Public libraries are open nights and weekends to meet the needs of students and working adults. In this information-based society, your local library is the gateway to lifelong learning.



Libraries go beyond their own walls, sending bookmobiles to community centers and using new technologies to provide information at the touch of a keyboard. If your local library doesn't have the particular book or information you need, you can borrow it through an electronic network linked to the South Carolina State Library in Columbia.



### Want to –

- Build a deck?
- Prepare a resume?
- Look up the value of your baseball cards?

Our public libraries support the right to free information and service for everyone. On any day in a South Carolina library, you might find: a reading and discussion group talking in the meeting room...students doing research...a businessman reading up on the latest management trends...a literacy volunteer teaching an adult to read...local officials seeking new funding sources.