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More Monthly Newsletter

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UPCOMING events



Grant Writing: Creating a Winning Proposal: 2/29/2024

Private foundations, corporations, and other funders can provide grants for nonprofit organizations and their programs and projects. But once you find a funder, how do you apply? We'll cover the basics of writing a proposal to fund your project. What are the key components to a proposal? What do funders want to know about your project? Learn the basics of writing a proposal that will earn a grant, and what to do after you win a grant.

[Register Here](#)

Speaker at the Center



Lahnice Hollister

Resisting Jim Crow: The Autobiography of
Dr. John A. McFall

Thursday, February 29, 2024

1:00 - 2:30 pm

South Carolina State Library



Speaker at the Center Author Event: Lahnice Hollister - Resisting Jim Crow: The Autobiography of Dr. John A. McFall: 2/29/2024

Join the South Carolina State Library's Center for the Book for our next Speaker at the Center Author Talk featuring Lahnice Hollister. The Author talk begins at 1:00pm. To learn more about the author visit: <https://www.kittawahpress.com/>.

[Register Here](#)



February Data Chat: 2/29/2024

How do researchers use the data from the annual Public Libraries Survey (PLS)? We will discuss a 2021 study ("The returns to public library investment"; Gilpin, Karger, and Nencka) that examines how capital investment may increase library use.

[Register Here](#)

State Library Announces 2023 Notable State Documents Winners

The South Carolina State Library is pleased to announce the selection of the most

notable South Carolina State Documents of 2023. Government documents come in a variety of formats. Winning categories include state agency monographs, serials, and websites or apps. These noteworthy publications call attention to some of the most informative documents released by state agencies in 2023. Winners of the South Carolina Notable State Documents awards are announced in honor of Freedom of Information Day, which occurs annually on March 16. Awards will be presented to the winning agencies and authors in a ceremony to be held at 10:00 a.m. at the State Library on Wednesday, March 13, 2024. For more information about the awards program and to view the 2023 winners, please visit our [subject guide](#).



Nominations for the Notable Documents Awards were submitted throughout the calendar year, with final candidates being judged by a panel of librarians and state employees. Publications were judged based on their designs, writing styles, and breadth of information. The judges chose a unique group of twelve publications and websites for recognition, including a report on the effects of social isolation on older adults, a lovely annual publication showcasing the state's agriculture industry, and a newly redesigned website by the agency charged with guiding the development of the arts in our state.

Leesa Aiken, South Carolina State Library director said, "South Carolina state documents provide a wealth of information, statistics, and share a broad range of knowledge about our state. I am pleased that we are able to publicly recognize these important publications and websites as notable documents and it is my hope that all South Carolina state agencies continue to produce high quality documents such as these."

[Register for the Awards Ceremony](#)

South Carolina
Talking Book
Services

SC State Library Talking Book Services

The South Carolina Department of Veterans' Affairs featured SC State Library Talking Book Services in a recent episode of their popular News Minute series.

[Click Here to View the Video](#)



Pictured above are State Library staff members assisting with a large weeding project at Abbeville County Library.

The State Library is available to assist other county libraries with similar projects. To learn more, contact Tiffany Hayes, Education Design and Development Manager.



The State Library hosted a Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries (SEAL) Workshop this month. Library staff had the opportunity to participate in hands on interactive solar science programs designed for library settings.



SC Center for the Book held an Author Talk featuring Queen Quet, Chiefess of the Gullah/Geechee Nation. Queen Quet read excerpts from her book and provided attendees with a histo-musical presentation.

Employee Spotlight

Breanne Smith is in her fifth year serving the South Carolina State Library. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Public Affairs and a Master of Business Administration from Columbia College.



Before joining the State Library, Breanne worked as a paralegal for a small firm in Columbia handling personal injury, family law, and criminal cases. In Breanne's current role as Director of Administration, she oversees the Communications department and the general administration of the agency. When asked what she likes most about working at the State Library she said, "I appreciate the agency's commitment to employee growth and development." We are so glad to have Breanne at the State Library!



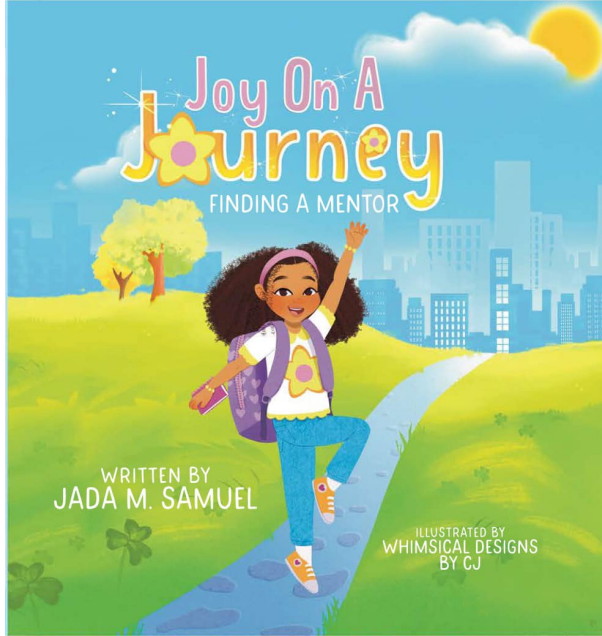
General Collection

- **Combat Vet Don't Mean Crazy: Veteran Mental Health in Post-Military Life**– Duane K.L. France
- **Autism Spectrum Disorders: Characteristics, Causes, and Practical Issues**– Jill Boucher

South Carolina Collection

- **Gullies of My People: An Excavation of Landscape and Family**– John Lane
- **Leading like the Swamp Fox: The leadership lessons of Francis Marion**– Kevin Dougherty

Read-in 2024



We are so excited to welcome Miss South Carolina 2023, Jada Samuel, to this year's Read-In! Jada is the author of Joy On A Journey: Finding A Mentor, which she will read during the event. You don't want to miss this event, so be sure to register by April 1st!

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