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Reorganizing the State Library

The South Carolina State Library has recently completed its internal reorganization of divisions and is pleased to announce a new organizational structure. The new Division of Discovery & Delivery headed by Felicia Vereen now includes Library

Services, Talking Book Services, and Library Development. The new Division of Innovation & Technology is headed by Catherine Buck Morgan and includes the SchoolRooms Project, the DISCUS Program, and the areas of Technical Services and Information Technology & Infrastructure. The new Division of Organizational Resources is headed by Leesa Benggio and includes Finance, Mail Services,

Administration, and Human Resources. Public Relations Information is coordinated by Dr. Curtis R. Rogers and Susanna Brailsford, Literary Arts Program Coordinator, works



with the South Carolina Center for the Book.



The State Library will continue to make slight adjustments to the new internal organization as needed to best serve the needs of customers. For more information, please visit <http://www.statelibrary.sc.gov/organization-and-departments.html>.

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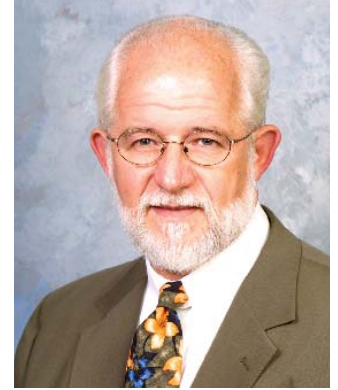


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Working Together

One of the greatest pleasures of being a librarian is experiencing those moments when we come together in support of each other; in the interest of our patrons to make important things happen. National Library Legislative Day sponsored by the American Library Association is one of those events. This year over 400 librarians and library supporters joined together on May 14th in Washington DC to carry the word to our legislative delegations on the most important issues facing libraries.

Steven Johnson of Clemson University expertly led the eleven librarians participating in this year's events from South Carolina. Steven chairs the South Carolina Library Association's Legislative committee. Other members were: Jeanette Bergeron-Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Nathan Flowers-Francis Marion University, Valerie Byrd Fort-Dutch Fork Elementary School, Tom Gilson-College of Charleston, Dr. Curtis R. Rogers-SC State Library, Kitt Lisenby-Kershaw County School District, Elizabeth Shuping- Horry County Library, Bill Sudduth-University of South Carolina, and Libby Young-Furman University.



By **David S. Goble,**
Director

Our introductory message was that libraries become increasingly important to citizens as the economy declines. ALA prepared a briefing sheet listing the economic benefits of libraries. It was very helpful that two of the eight benefits listed were derived from the South Carolina School of Library and Information Science report *The Economic Impact of Public Libraries on South Carolina* completed in 2005.

There are a host of issues affecting libraries at the national level that need to be watched and acted on. In order to present a focused message, the delegation spent the majority of their time on the following legislation: Library Services and Technology Act, Improving Literacy Through School Libraries program, School Libraries – No Child Left Behind/the SKILLS Act, E-rate and Universal Service Issues, and Network Neutrality.

Information on many of these issues can be found at ALA Washington office web site: <http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/washevents/nlld/nlld2008.cfm>.

Participating is hard but rewarding work and I urge each of you to consider participating next year. The date for next year's event is May 11-12, 2009. In discussions with members of this year's delegation on how we might improve the effectiveness of the event the following thoughts were put forward: Make the education on the issues a continuous process and not just a once a year effort and take advantage of library friends and supporters to help us get our word to Senators or Representatives. Legislative staff are very helpful, but we would like to directly interact with individual Senators or Representatives.

This year our National Library Legislative Day delegation consisted of School Librarians, Academic Librarians, Public Librarians, and State Library Librarians representing both the South Carolina Library Association and the South Carolina Association of School Librarians. Although the delegation represented different constituencies and different library disciplines, we joined together to accomplish our goals. With nothing being said we all understood we are stronger together than we are individually.



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2007 Notable State Documents Awards

Elaine Sandberg

South Carolina State Library

The South Carolina State Library presented awards for the most notable South Carolina state government documents of 2007 in a ceremony on March 17, 2008. The selection is announced annually on or near Freedom of Information Day, March 16, the birthday of President James Madison, an early proponent of citizen access to government information. State agencies and universities are required by state law to forward public documents to the State Library for maintenance and access. Copies of the documents are retained in the Library and sent to 11 depository libraries throughout the state and to the Library of Congress. Three judges from state documents depository libraries around the state selected the winning documents. The judges were Mae Mendoza, University of South Carolina at Beaufort Library; John Whitted, South Carolina State University Library; and Elaine Sandberg, South Carolina State Library.

In attendance at the morning ceremony were several agency directors, including Henry McMaster, Secretary of State, Roger Stroup, Director of Archives and History, and Andrew Sorenson, President of USC, agency representatives, including Dr. Richard Harding, psychiatrist with the Department of Mental Health, authors or creators of the publications, and several visitors.

Of the awards David Goble, State Library Director said, "As we celebrate Freedom of Information Day, I salute South Carolina state agencies that continue to make their information available to the public, either in print form or electronically. The agencies honored today continue a fine tradition of open government in the Palmetto State." He commended each document for what it says for or about South Carolina, what it means for South Carolina, what it does for South Carolina, and how it exemplifies the work of South Carolina state government.

Winning documents:

- [2007 South Carolina Recreation Guide for Adults and Children With Disabilities](#). SC Developmental Disabilities Council G7461HD 8.R32
- [In Memoriam, the South Carolina Silent Witness Story](#) October 1, 2007. Office of the Attorney General, S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Program. At 855St 3.S45 2007
- [A Legacy of Caring, Nursing Education at the University of South Carolina, 1942-2005](#). College of Nursing, University of South Carolina Un35N 2.L33
- [Make Your Dream a Reality: A Community Group Guide to a Historic Preservation Project](#). SC Department of Archives and History. Ar255P 8.M1
- [People Working Together to Help People in Recovery](#). Community Mental Health Services Statistical Annual Report. SC Department of Mental Health M5283 3.C55-2 2006
- [Port Charleston Magazine](#). South Carolina State Ports Authority P8385 3.P56-2
- [South Carolina Department of Education Website](#). SC Department of Education <http://www.ed.sc.gov>
- [South Carolina Public Water System Compliance Report: 2006](#). SC Department of Health and Environmental Control H3496Water 3.P81 2006 Online at <http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/water/docs/dwreport.pdf>
- [South Carolina: the Bucks Start Here](#). SC Department of Commerce C736 2.B82
- [South Carolina's Lake Country](#). Santee Cooper Power P9604 4.L14 Request a print copy at <http://www.santeecooper.com>



Office of the Attorney General, S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Program L-R: Megan Kirby, Henry McMaster, David Goble, Stephanie Wood

Wishing a Fond Farewell...



The South Carolina State Library is wishing a fond farewell to two staff members, Mary Morgan and Shae Tetterton. After thirty years of service to South Carolina state government, Mary Morgan, who has served in many capacities at the library, most recently as head of Library Services, is retiring the end of July. Mary's first job as a librarian was at Coastal Carolina College as the public services librarian from 1974-1978. Mary then worked for six years for the legislature as a researcher/writer on the "Biographical Directory of the South Carolina House of Representatives" (Vol. 4) and the "Biographical Directory of the South Carolina Senate." Mary received her B.A. and M.A. in Applied History from USC and her Master of Librarianship from Emory. She has also been a member of SCLA for many years, working as the registration chair for two annual conferences (1988 and 2002), serving on the editorial committee and compiled the SCLA annual reports for 1999-2001. The staff of the State Library wishes Mary the best of luck in her retirement.

After three years of service to the State library, Shae Tetterton, most recently the library's SchoolRooms project coordinator, is embarking on a new adventure with Equinox Software. Equinox, located near Atlanta, is the company that created the Evergreen library automation software. We wish Shae all the best as she navigates her new career path.



L-R Cindy Sapp (Spartanburg County), Oralia Garza de Cortes (SPLASH luncheon speaker), Jennifer Kelley (Kershaw County), Kulcey Cassidy (Florence County), and Kathy Sheppard (SC State Library)

The "SPLASH! Library Services for Spanish Speakers" program concluded a year of statewide activities with a gala luncheon on April 25, 2008 at the South Carolina State Library. The SPLASH outreach brought public library staff together to learn about the demographics, cultural characteristics, and service needs of South Carolina's Latino population. Approximately 80 library staff

Library Services for Spanish Speakers

members from 37 libraries participated.

The "splash" theme was chosen to signify a new, fresh look at working with diverse populations across the state. Workshops were held in Berkeley, Colleton, Richland, Pickens, Spartanburg, and Florence counties. A key component of the workshops was the participation of community members and local service providers who provided the insiders' viewpoint and tips for working successfully with Spanish speakers. Participants received useful resources including books,

audiocassettes, "Spanish for Library Staff" CDs, and binders of useful materials.

Spanish speakers in South Carolina are using public libraries in increasing numbers. SPLASH workshops emphasized that making decisions about collections and services for Spanish speakers are no different from planning for any group. Understanding cultural differences, sensitivity to individual preferences, and a welcoming smile are the key to encouraging diverse populations to visit and use the public library.

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Lamar Library – Beyond Our Expectations

By Charlene McDonnough

A brand new library built for the town of Lamar, opened its doors with a Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on October 26, 2003. This new library has had a profound effect on the town and surrounding community. Moving from a 960 square foot building to a 4200 square foot building gave the community a gathering place where they could find all types of resources not previously available in the smaller facility. "This new library has been the most successful project I have witnessed during my career," stated Sue Rainey, Library Director. "It has virtually changed the community. There is so much interest and civic pride. People who had never been inside a library are discovering an interesting resource that will enhance their lives. With this rejuvenation, new generations will reap the benefits. The value of the library is immeasurable."

"The library is one of the places I go to for a great conversation. It is one of my favorite places to visit. The librarians here are extremely helpful and friendly," said Geraldine Britt, a long time patron of the library. A small meeting room that holds 40 people was included in the plans for the facility, that provides room for summer



reading activities, other children's programs, and to provide weekly movies for children and bi-weekly movies for seniors. Weekly computer classes that will not interfere with the public access computers are held in the meeting room. The new library now has eight public use computers, two children's computers with learning games dedicated solely to children, wireless internet access for individual laptop use and two computers dedicated to the library's card catalog.

When the building was complete the staff expanded the collection from approximately 4,900 items in 2003 to 20,316 items. Prior to the 2003 Grand Opening, the library saw approximately 4,500 patrons per year. This has increased to about 36,000

patrons per year in the short time they have been in the new facility. The library also participates in the Palmetto Polaris Consortium and has loaned approximately 200 items to people in other counties through their Interlibrary Loan program.

For a small community, this large increase in patronage has helped to justify the additional space to the facility. As the town grows the needs of the library grow as well. The Friends of the Lamar Library are currently in the process of raising funds for this much-needed space. They are currently about 20% of the way towards their funding goal. Planned additions are a new children's room and an addition to the meeting room for larger groups to meet.

The **Laurens County Public Library** system is pleased to announce that Ann Riley Szypulski, currently Public Services Manager of the Pickens County Library, will become the Director of Laurens County Library on August 1, 2008. Ann has been with Pickens County since May of 1997.



Ann grew up in Clemson, but graduated from the University of South Carolina with a major in History and has worked as a manager of a hospital admissions office in Columbia. After moving to Pittsburgh, she took a break in her career to stay home with her children, Eric and Elizabeth. By 1995, Ann had moved to Bennettsville, SC., and made one of the best decisions of her life: she began work on her MLIS from the University of South Carolina School of Library and Information Science. The same week she received her degree in 1997, she moved back to Clemson and began work as the manager of the new Central-Clemson Regional Branch with the Pickens County Library System. She then

went on to become manager of the Easley Headquarters Library, and after the new headquarters, the Hampton Memorial Library, opened in 2005, she became public services manager of the Pickens County Library System.

According to Ann, she is "looking forward to moving to Laurens" and she is "very excited about working with the staff and board of the library, and for the citizens of Laurens County."

York County Library Unveils New Mascot

By Julie Stanford,
Community
Relations
Assistant



The York County Library is proud to introduce their new mascot—Beamer the firefly, whose purpose is to get the children of York County excited about their library. With the generous financial support of their Friends group, the library commissioned Grey Seal Puppets, a Charlotte, NC, design company, to build a custom mascot character. The final result was a furry, friendly, colorful character with a happy expression and a light-up tail. Once Beamer's costume was complete, the library hired professional illustrator and author Dave McDonald of Fort Mill, SC to

create a cartoon character version of Beamer. The artist took photographs of Beamer's costume for inspiration and designed a colorful York County Library logo and several posed images of the character. The library is unveiling their new mascot as they kick off the "Catch the Reading Bug" Vacation Reading Program. Beamer will make appearances at all York County Library locations, including Rock Hill, Fort Mill, Clover, York, Lake Wylie, and the Bookmobile.

Williamsburg County Public Library Welcomes New Director

Benjamin Hall who received his MSLS from the University of Kentucky began as director in May 2008. Previously Mr. Hall worked at the University of Kentucky and has experience



with digitization projects. As director, Mr. Hall, "hopes to increase the number of programs and community events and

continue to provide excellent library service to the citizens of Williamsburg County." Mr. Hall also stated, "I have found that the citizens of Williamsburg County are wonderful and extremely friendly."

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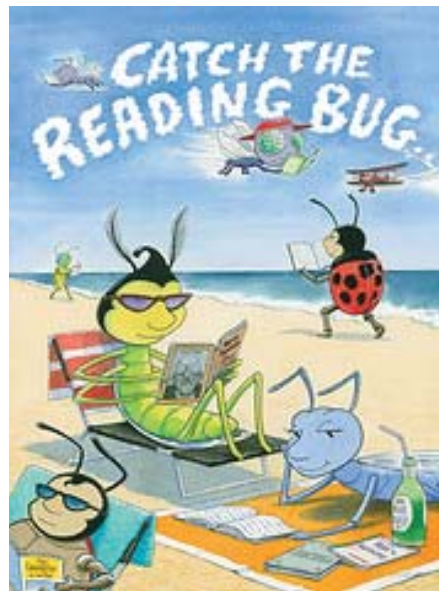
The SPLASH training team is available through the remainder of the year to present the workshop to libraries that need a general overview of services to Spanish speakers. It is an ideal refresher exercise for library staff days. The State Library hopes to follow up the project with a statewide grant to provide public programming in libraries in the coming year.

Trainers included Cindi Sapp (Spartanburg County Library), Jennifer Kelley (Kershaw County Library) and Kulcey Cassidy (Florence County Library.) The project was coordinated by Kathy Sheppard, Library Development Consultant with the State Library. The project, funded since 2004 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation through OCLC and coordinated by WebJunction, brought training and service planning to public libraries nationwide.

Teen and Children Programs at Williamsburg County Library

By Benjamin Hall

The Williamsburg County Library started our Summer Teen Program, Metamorphosis @ Your Library. We had an excited group of about 15 teens but we expect the number to grow. We served chips and drinks to the teen participants. On June 5 the program will continue with Operation 911 demonstrating disaster preparedness and discussing what to do during emergency situations. The program will continue to be a lot of fun with a teen debate, games, a movie, and more food.



We are also having a children's program, Catch the Reading Bug. The program started June 4, 2008, and we had 72 children sign up. The programming includes two magicians, a puppet show, Operation 911, two movies, and lots of food.

We are also in preparation for a family night in early to mid August. I look forward to telling you more about these successful programs in the Fall newsletter.

Berkeley Library Offers First Adult Summer Reading Program

by Ramona L. Grimsley

Berkeley County Library System will offer its first ever Adult Summer Reading Program. The program will last for 6 weeks beginning June 9th, 2008. The theme for the program is "Transform Yourself." Adults may read any book of their choice and fill out an entry slip for each title read. Weekly drawings will be held at each of our six locations. Sponsors for this program include: Barnes & Noble, Cypress Gardens and Old Santee Canal State Park.

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for your CALENDAR

July 18
APLA meeting @ State Library

July 30
State Library Board Meeting

August 14
FOSCL meeting @ State Library

September 11
Regional Trustee Training - Florence County Library

September 18
Regional Trustee Training - Barnwell County Library

September 19
APLA Meeting @ State Library

October 1-4
SELA Annual Conference - Louisville, KY

October 22-24
SCLA Annual Conference - Greenville Hyatt

October 22
Local Advocacy that Gets Your Votes - Greenville County Library

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