



# south carolina **STATE LIBRARY**

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Dear Library Directors,

The State library is pleased to announce that the Education Lottery funds, approved by the South Carolina State Legislature are now available to county libraries. The total amount of available funds is \$733,000.00 and will be distributed based on the percentage of total state aid funds received by each county. For the 60K minimum grant libraries, each county will receive (assuming no mid-year budget cuts) \$2,514.80 per quarter. Please note that this amount is a lesser amount than originally stated to you. We found a calculation error in the original spreadsheet that was sent in an email dated 08/11/11 from David Goble. We apologize for this error and any inconvenience this may have caused. A revised spreadsheet is attached which documents the quarterly amount your county should receive.

The proviso by which lottery funds are allocated this year indicates that the funds may be used for library "operating expenses". Libraries therefore do not need to confine lottery purchases to technology items this year.

Libraries should carefully document the expenditures of lottery funds and be prepared to return a quarterly report of those expenditures. These reports will be compiled and made available to the State Legislature should they request the information. You will not need to submit invoices or receipts but should be prepared to back up all lottery expenditures to the quarterly reports you submit.

The first quarter will be sent out in the next couple of weeks and the remaining quarters will be sent out on the same schedule as state aid. Quarterly reports for lottery funds will be due at the same time as the quarterly reports for state aid. For your convenience, I am attaching the quarterly report which will be due on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions or I can assist you in any way, please let me know. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Paula James  
Director of Finance  
South Carolina State Library