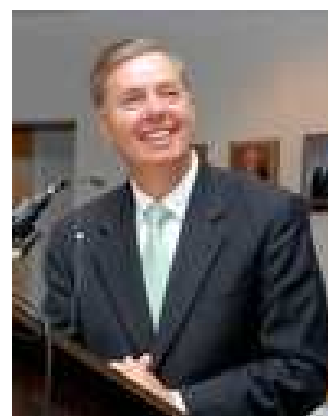


BookBytes



Library To Receive \$80,579 Federal Grant

Senator Lindsey Graham has moved the Fairfield County Library one step closer to an expanded Main Library.



A congressionally directed grant of \$80,579 for the Fairfield County Library will be administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Funds may be used for books, equipment, materials, or technology and must be expended within three years.

In his thank you letter to Senator Graham, Library Commission Chairman Tom Fletcher said, "This is one of the largest grants the library has ever received and we will certainly make sure it is used to benefit the citizens of Fairfield County."

We have plans to expand the library from 6000 square feet to over 21,000 square feet and are working with the Fairfield County Council on ways to finance the project. Your grant will help us provide furnishings and equipment necessary to the expansion."

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Friends Annual Used Book Sale Will Begin May 4th

Each year the Friends of the Library sponsor a Used Book Sale to raise funds for programs and projects that support the library. Prices are truly affordable with paperbacks selling 10 for \$1.00, and hardbacks 4 for \$1.00. Specially priced items sell for \$1.00 and up, with sets of books individually priced also.

Here's the schedule for the May sale:

- Saturday, May 3rd, 2:00 p.m. Sorting and pricing
- Sunday, May 4th, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Special Preview Sale for Friends members (memberships available at the door)
- Monday, May 5th-Friday, May 16th Sale open during regular library hours

Volunteers will be needed to unpack and sort books on May 3rd and to staff the cash box during the days of the sale. Anyone willing to help should call Brent Dorrier at 635-3097 or Sarah McMaster at 635-4971.



Look for this sign when the sale begins!

DIRECTOR'S DESK

SARAH MCMASTER

Now is the time to speak up.

If you support expanding the Main Library, now is the time to contact County Council members and express your support for the project. The Fairfield County Library Commission has requested that Council help find a way to move the expansion project forward.

Architect Danny Shelley has provided an estimate for the total project of \$4.9 million dollars. Approximately \$69,000 of that has already come from S. C. Education Lottery Funds. A grant from Senator Lindsey Graham (see page 1) will add \$80,567 toward equipment and furnishings for the project. We currently have \$32,250 on hand in our Building Fund. There are several other grant possibilities that we are exploring, and we will attempt to raise some private funds as well.

The bottom line, however, is that the actual "bricks and mortar" money will probably have to come from county gen-

eral obligation bonds. Funds to operate the expanded building will have to come from additional millage for the library's annual budget appropriation.

In today's uncertain economy and with Fairfield County facing layoffs and plant closings, it may not seem like the right time to be talking about a project like this. But the library is even *more* important when people have to cut back on things like buying books and magazines or paying for Internet access or buying a new computer. Not to mention the fact that many of our citizens can't afford those luxuries even in good times.

Expanding the library and the services it is able to offer shows that Fairfield County values education, quality of life, and opportunity for all.

Are we willing to make the investment?

As always you can reach me by phone at 635-4971 or by email at sarah@fairfield.lib.sc.us.

BY THE NUMBERS

An expanded Main Library would

- Have 21,000 square feet of space compared to the existing 6,000.
- Provide space for a collection of over 100,000 items.
- Have room for over 30 public access computers (there are only 12 now).
- Have a meeting room that would seat more than 80 people.
- Have a children's area with space for story hour programs and a parenting collection.
- Have a tutoring room and a conference room for small meetings.
- Have a quiet study room with four carrels.
- Have a South Carolina/Local History room over three times the size of the library's current space.
- Have work and storage space for library staff.

Read-In Scheduled for April 25th

Enthusiastic readers from Fairfield County Schools will gather at 10:00 a.m. at Fortune Springs Park on Friday, April 25, 2008, for the twelfth annual Read-In sponsored by the Fairfield County Library, the Friends of the Library, the Fairfield County School District, and the Town of Winnsboro. The students will participate in the Parade of Readers, the Reading Cheer Contest, and then will spend time reading before lunch. Natalie Daise, co-creator of Gullah Gullah Island, will provide the entertainment in the Old Armory.

You're invited! Come for the parade at 10:00 a.m., visit with the students, and join the fun! For more information, contact Elizabeth Myers at the library.



From the Friends



Idella Bodie, the grande dame of South Carolina historical fiction for young people, will speak at the Friends' Spring Meeting on Sunday, April 20, at 4:00 p.m. at the library.

Mrs. Bodie will speak about her book *Carolina Girl*, a memoir of her childhood years in Ridge

Spring, South Carolina. An entertaining account of "one writer's beginnings," the book answers the question Mrs. Bodie says many students ask: "What was life like when you were growing up?"

Mrs. Bodie was born in Ridge Spring and graduated from Columbia College with a degree in English. She

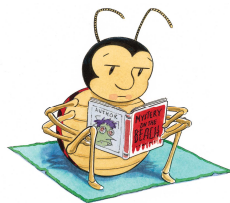
taught English and creative writing for 31 years at South Aiken High School. She has been writing for young readers for more than thirty years. Her first book, *The Secret of Telfair Inn*, published in 1971 by Sandlapper Publishing is still in print. She is now the author of 22 books for older elementary and middle school students most of which feature people and places in South Carolina history.

There will be a short business meeting before the program and refreshments afterwards. Visitors and prospective Friends members are invited to attend.

**Friends Spring Meeting
Sunday, April 20th
at 4:00 p.m.**

Just for Kids

- Come to **Family Nights** on April 3rd and May 1st at 7:00 p.m.
- Join us at the Main Library for a **Spring Story Hour Series** on Tuesday afternoons: April 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 4:00 p.m.
- **Spring Story Hours** will be held at the Ridgeway Branch on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. on April 3, 10, 17, and 24



- **Catch the Reading Bug...** is the theme for Summer Reading 2008. **Mark your calendar for the Summer Reading Kick-Off Party on Saturday, June 7th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Main Library.** Sign up for Summer Reading, have a hot dog, and participate in other fun activities.

**Complete brochures for
Summer Reading programs at the
Main Library and the Ridgeway Branch will be
available by May 1st**

WELCOME!



The Fairfield County Library Commission is pleased to welcome two new members: Queen Davis and Clyde McCants.

Queen was the first secretary for the Friends of the Library in 1977. She retired from the Fairfield County School District and now works part-time as a parent educator for Fairfield County First Steps.

Clyde served as chairman of the Library Commission from 1995 to 2003 and has returned to the board after a one-term break. He officially retired as pastor at Bethel ARP Church, but keeps busy preaching, writing books, and teaching part-time at Richard Winn Academy.

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Main Library

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Ridgeway Branch Library

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Ridgeway, South Carolina 29130
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Bookmobile

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Library Events ~~~ April-June, 2008

Main Library

April 1,8,15, 22, 29 at 4:00 pm Spring Story Hour
April 3 at 7:00 pm Family Night
April 20 at 4:00 p.m. Friends Spring Meeting
April 25 at 10:00 am Read-In in the Park
May 1 at 7:00 pm Family Night
May 3-16 Friends Book Sale (during library hours)
June 7 from 10 am to 1 pm
Summer Reading Kick-off Party
June 10-July 17 Summer Reading Activities

Ridgeway Branch Library

April 3,10, 17, 24 at 4:00 pm Story Hour
May 1 at 4:00 pm Story Hour
June12-July 17 Thursdays at 4:00 pm
Summer Reading Activities

*National Library Week:
April 13-20*

The Library Will Be Closed

Monday, May 26th

For Memorial Day

