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Author B. J. Welborn to Speak on January 27th

The Friends of the Library invite the community to a program on Sunday, January 27, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. at the library.

Guest speaker B. J. Welborn will present "Taking a Twain Ride, Pursuing Peripatetic Poe, Hunting Hemingway Hideaways: Adventures of a Traveling Bibliophile."

Ms. Welborn is the author of two travel books: *Traveling Literary America* and *America's Best Historic Sites: 101 Terrific Places To Take The Family*. She designed the book to help parents teach their kids in a hands-on way about the people and places that shaped American history.

Her 25-year career as a journalist, publicist and author has included work on the staffs of several publications, including *The Charlotte Observer*, *The State* newspaper and *The Acton Digest*. She is a



member of the advisory board for the South Carolina Center for the Book.

Welborn lives near Columbia with her husband, Barry Ahrendt. She is now working on a book about Sherman's March and the Civil War.

The program is funded by a Speakers' Bureau grant from The Humanities Council SC.



This logo will blanket the State House as South Carolina citizens show their support for public libraries!

Public Library Appreciation Day: January 31st

Public library lovers of all types will descend on the State House in Columbia on January 31st for Public Library Appreciation Day (PLAD). Organized by the Association of Public Library Administrators of SC, PLAD is designed to be a day to thank our state legislators for their support for public libraries and to remind them that public libraries are a vital part of South Carolina's educational and cultural landscape. If you would like to attend as part of a Fairfield County delegation, please contact Sarah McMaster at the library. If you cannot attend, call or write our legislative delegation to express your appreciation for public libraries in general and the Fairfield County Library in particular.

DIRECTOR'S DESK

SARAH MCMASTER

People in the community ask me regularly how the library's plans for expansion are proceeding. In a word: SLOWLY!

We are still working with architect Danny Shelley on refining the design and interior plans for the expanded space. Refining the plans is the easy part, however. Finding the money for construction is hard. No federal grants were forthcoming from Washington this year. Private grant money for construction is almost non-existent.

Library Commission Chairman Tom Fletcher and I met with County Administrator Phil Hinely to discuss the expansion, and we are working to identify ways we might move the project forward during the FY 2008-2009 county budget process.

I never thought the expansion would happen quickly.

The first mention of a new library facility occurs in library board minutes in 1972. We didn't move into our current building until 1977. At that rate we have several more years to go!

It's hard not to be impatient, however. Now I can look at the plans and visualize how much more effective library service could be in an expanded space. In my mind's eye I see people browsing magazines and newspapers while having a cup of coffee, students using new study rooms, genealogists having more room to search local history materials, shorter (or no) waiting lines for computers, meetings and programs going on in a new meeting room, and children and young adults enjoying fresh, larger spaces designed for them.

Here's hoping we will move closer to making those visions a reality in 2008.

Just for Kids

- Come to Family Nights on January 3rd, February 7th, and March 6th at 7:00 p.m.
- Remember the Winter Story Hour Series will be every Tuesday afternoon in February at 4:00 p.m.
- When the weather is bad and you can't come to the library, remember you can call Dial-a-



Story at 635-2020 to hear a story over the telephone.

- Watch the news on January 14th, when the Newbery and Caldecott award winning children's books for 2008 are announced.

Tax Forms Available at the Library

The Fairfield County Library will once again serve as a distribution point for state and federal tax forms. Located in the front lobby of the library, the forms are available free to the public.

Basic federal forms 1040, 1040A, and 1040 EZ and instructions will be available throughout tax season. Most of the schedules and many other supplementary forms will also be available. Unusual and less-used forms not stocked can be printed out from the Internet for \$.10 per page.

State tax booklets include all the basic state forms and will be available throughout the tax season.

The library staff will try to assist patrons in locating forms, but cannot give advice about which forms are needed.

From the Friends

A new library building 30 years ago sparked interest in forming a new group in Fairfield County: the Friends of the Fairfield County Library. Thirty-four people gathered at an organizational meeting on April 20, 1977, and the rest is history. The Friends has grown into an organization with well over 200 members.

Over their 30-year history the Friends have provided the library with two invaluable resources: advocacy and financial support. Members of the Friends are willing to speak up for the library and promote its services. The Friends support the library by helping with programming and funding things not covered in the regular budget.

The Friends welcome new members...anyone interested in the library is encouraged to join.

Here's how:

Fill in the information below and mail to the address below or drop off at the library.

Name _____

Address _____

Dues: Individual \$5.00 Family \$10.00

Contributing \$25.00 Life \$100.00

Mail to: Friends of the Library, Fairfield County Library, 300 Washington Street, Winnsboro, SC 29180

Book Lovers' 2008 Calendars are available at the library for \$5.00. Proceeds go to the Friends of the Library.

TECH NOTES...

- **Wireless Internet access is now available at the Ridgeway Branch Library.** Unofficial testing shows that the library's wireless signal covers much of downtown Ridgeway!
- **AccessScience** is a new database recently added to DISCUS, South Carolina's Virtual Library. It provides authoritative information in all areas of science and technology. It

also features the online, fully illustrated version of the 10th edition of the McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science and Technology which is one of the most highly-acclaimed science reference works in print.

- **New DISCUS databases coming in January:** Opposing ViewPoints, Science Resource Center, History Resource Center, Litfinder, Book Review Index, Small Business Resource Center, Nursing Resource Center,

Don't Miss SC Book Festival in February

The annual South Carolina Book Festival will be held February 22-24, 2008, at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. Sponsored by the Humanities Council ^{SC}, the event will bring together authors, scores of booksellers and vendors, and thousands of avid readers.

Cassandra King, author of *The Summer Wife*, will be one of the featured speakers.

For a complete schedule of events, check out the following website:

www.scbookfestival.org

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Ridgeway Branch Library

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Ridgeway, South Carolina 29130
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Hours: M-Th 2-6

Bookmobile

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Library Events ~~~ January-March, 2008

Main Library

- January 3 at 7:00 p.m. Family Night
- January 27 at 4:00 p.m. Friends Program (see page 1)
- January 31 Public Library Appreciation Day at the State House, Columbia
- February 7 at 7:00 p.m. Family Night
- February 5, 12, 19, 26 at 4:00 p.m. Winter Story Hour Series
- February 22-24 South Carolina Book Festival (see article on page 2)
- March 6 at 7:00 p.m. Family Night

Ridgeway Branch Library

- January 3 at 4:00 p.m. Story Hour
- February 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 4:00 p.m. Winter Story Hour Series
- March 6 at 4:00 p.m. Story Hour

The Library Will Be Closed

- Tuesday, January 1
for New Year's Day
- Monday, January 21st
for Martin Luther King Day
- Friday, March 21 and Saturday, March 22
For Easter

