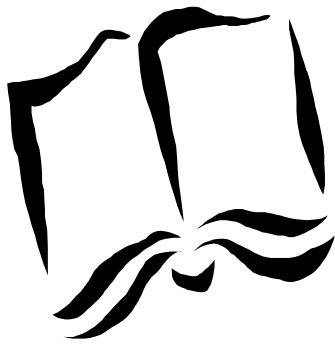


BookBytes



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SC LENDS Is Here!

On December 7th, the Fairfield County Library reopened to the public as part of SC LENDS: the South Carolina Library Evergreen Network Delivery System.

Beginning that day, books and other materials began circulating among all ten libraries in the SC LENDS consortium. The Fairfield County Library is lending about fifteen items per day through SC LENDS.

The library is currently lending more items than are being borrowed. As Fairfield County patrons become more familiar with using the system, borrowing should increase. Patrons who have received materials through SC LENDS are pleased with the new service.

Each morning the system generates a list of books requested by other libraries. Staff pull the books from the shelves, print out



the hold slips, and bag them for shipment. Each evening state government's Interagency Mail Service picks up our outgoing parcels and delivers incoming parcels. Turnaround time for most requests is 2-3 days.

If you're looking for something and we don't have it, be sure to ask us if it's available through SC LENDS!



Library Legislative Day: January 27th

Public library lovers of all types will descend on the State House in Columbia on January 27th for Library Legislative Day. Organized by the Association of Public Library Administrators of SC, Legislative Day 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

We've reached the end of a decade.

Time is a strange thing...sometimes it seems to move slowly and sometimes it goes by in the blink of an eye. It's hard to believe that it's really been ten years since everyone was worried about Y2K computer crashes. Thinking about that now seems almost quaint!

But time does move on and changes do come...even here at the library. Thinking back over the decade, some trends are obvious. DVD's have basically replaced videocassettes. Books on CD have replaced books on cassette. We have more computers and the number of people using them in a typical week has more than doubled. We now have wireless Internet access. Several staff members have retired and new faces have

joined us.

It's intriguing and perhaps a bit daunting to speculate about what the next ten years will bring. Someone else will be writing this column in 2019. Will they be working in an expanded building? Will the SC LENDS consortium include most South Carolina libraries? Will digital media such as ebooks make many library materials obsolete?

While the next ten years may change some of the ways we operate, I believe the public library's core mission of discerning community information needs and seeking ways to meet those needs will not change.

As always, feel free to reach me by phone at 803 635-4971 or by email at sarah@fairfield.lib.sc.us.

Just for Kids

- Come to Family Nights on January 7th, February 4th, and March 4th 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.



Halloween Costume Contest Participants

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 and instructions will be available as long as supplies last. 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. South Carolina tax booklets include basic state forms and will be available as long as supplies last. With more people filing online, the number of tax forms shipped for distribution has been reduced. The library staff will try to assist patrons in locating forms, but cannot give advice about which forms are needed.

From the Friends...food for thought

“Without libraries what have we? We have no past and no future.” **Ray Bradbury**

“As a child, I loved to read books. The library was a window to the world, a pathway to worlds and people far from my neighborhood in Philadelphia. And even today, as I travel around the world, I often visit places I used to dream about because of the books I’d read. The library made a difference in my life.” **Ed Bradley**

“We must not think of learning as only what happens in schools. It is an extended part of life. The most readily available resource for all of life is our public library system.” **Author David McCullough**

“Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is

cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation.”
Broadcaster Walter Cronkite

“Libraries are community treasure chests, loaded with a wealth of information available to everyone equally, and the key to that treasure chest is the library card. I have found the most valuable thing in my wallet is my library card.” **Former First Lady Laura Bush**

“My encouragement to you is to go tomorrow to the library.” **Poet Maya Angelou during a speech to a college audience that encouraged students to read voraciously and never stop learning.**

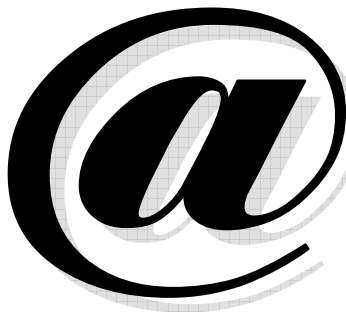
“Getting my library card was like citizenship; it was like American citizenship.” **Oprah Winfrey**

YOU’VE GOT MAIL...

...from the library!

One of the new features available in the Evergreen software is email notification.

Patrons who have an email address in their patron registration file can receive notification of requested books by email. Overdue notices can be received that way as well, and no



notice fee will be assessed as there is no postage cost for the library.

If you would like to take advantage of this new service, please ask a staff member to enter your email in our records. It would be helpful to have this address in writing, as it is easier to enter correctly that way. You will be responsible for keeping your address up-to-date in our files.

Don't Miss SC Book Festival in February

The annual South Carolina Book Festival will be held February 26, 27, and 28, 2010, 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.

Some of the authors scheduled to speak are Rick Bragg, Dorothea Benton Frank, Patti Callahan Henry, Jill McCorkle, Sharyn McCrumb, Ron Rash, and Kathryn Wall.

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

www.scbookfestival.org

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Library Events ~~~ January-March, 2010

Main Library

January 7 at 7:00 p.m. Family Night
January 27 Library Legislative Day
at the State House, Columbia
February 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 4:00 p.m.
Winter Story Hour Series
February 4 at 7:00 p.m. Family Night
February 26, 27 and 28
South Carolina Book Festival
(see article on page 3)
March 4 at 7:00 p.m. Family Night

Ridgeway Branch Library

January 7 at 4:00 p.m. Story Hour
February 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 4:00 p.m.
Winter Story Hour Series
March 4 at 4:00 p.m. Story Hour

The Library Will Be Closed

Friday, January 1
for New Year's Day

and

Monday, January 18th
for Martin Luther King Day

