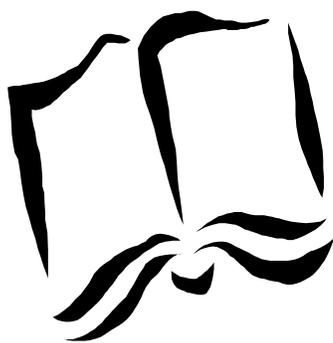


BookBytes



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Ebooks Now Available For Checkout

The Fairfield County Library is now a member of the Jasmine Digital Library.

Jasmine is a consortium of fifteen South Carolina public library systems who have joined together to offer digital content through Overdrive, a major vendor of ebooks to public libraries.

Each library purchases content for the consortium that is available to the patrons of all participating libraries. Ebooks are just like print books in that they can only be checked out by one patron at a time. Patrons may place holds on titles they want that are checked out and they will be notified by email when the titles are available.

Ebooks are available in several formats that work with a variety of e-reading devices such as iPads,



Betsy Boulware and Chrishonda Gaither practice downloading ebooks on a Kindle.

Kindles, Nooks, and others including smartphones. The Jasmine website has excellent help links for each type of device to guide patrons through how to checkout materials. Contact Chrishonda Gaither, Community Services Librarian, at 589-8076 if you have questions about the ebook service.

The Jasmine Digital Library website is www.jasmine.lib.overdrive.com



Getting Started with Ebooks...

To begin checking out ebooks through the library:

- You must have a library card and pin number or password
- If you are not sure about your pin or password, please come to the library so that we can get you set up...this cannot be done over the telephone. If you are already using the "My Account" feature of the library's card catalog, then your same password will work for Jasmine
- Go to www.jasmine.lib.overdrive.com and look at the "Getting Started" links in the left-hand menu...you will find instructions on how to set up your account with Jasmine and how to access the free software needed to download books

DIRECTOR'S DESK

SARAH MCMASTER

Safety is on my mind...

In the wake of the horrific tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut, safety is on the minds of anyone who works in a public building. While you cannot let it paralyze you, there is always the awareness that "it could happen here." Though rare, libraries in other places have been visited by violence and shootings.

Public buildings by their nature are open to all the public, but there can and should be parameters about how people are allowed to behave in public buildings. The Library Commission has passed a Code of Conduct for the Fairfield County Library and a copy is posted at the circulation desk. The purpose of the Code is to make the library a safe and welcoming place for many

types of activities and all ages of patrons.

To further the aim of safety and security, the library contracts with the Fairfield County Sheriff's Department to provide off-duty officers during afterschool and evening hours. During our recent renovation, we upgraded our security system and installed more cameras to help the officers and library staff. We have been able to partner with the Winnsboro Department of Public Safety to provide camera footage for several recent crimes.

In today's world, no one's safety can be guaranteed, however, we will continue to try to make the library as safe as possible.

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

Just for Kids

- Come to Family Nights on January 3rd, February 7th, and March 7th 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.



Miss Chrishonda reads "The Night Before Christmas" at the Trim-the-Tree Party

Tax Forms Info...

Once again the Fairfield County Library will be distributing federal and state tax forms in the front lobby of the Main Library Building. The IRS has already notified us that the arrival of forms may be unpredictable this year due to pending congressional actions. According to the IRS, forms will be shipped as they are available, however, instruction books may arrive much later than the forms. Please be patient with the library staff as we have no control over when things arrive. In addition, the State Department of Revenue is greatly restricting the number of state tax booklets that they send us. Last year our supply was depleted quickly. We can always make photocopies and will do our best to retrieve forms for patrons from online sources when they are available. Charges for photocopies and printouts of tax forms will be at our regular rate of \$.10 per page.

From the Friends...

A recent project of the Friends was the purchase of a number of paperback books for the Fairfield County Detention Center. The books are a mixture of high interest fiction and classic stories.

Sgt. Lyn Davis is the staff member responsible for reading materials for the inmates. In addition to this special purchase, the Friends provided several boxes of books for the inmates from the Used Book Sale. When the library purchased a new edition of the World Book Encyclopedia, the older edition was donated to the Detention Center.

In years past, the bookmobile visited the Detention Center, however, stricter security measures make that impossible now. These projects are an effort to help replace that service.



From left to right: Sgt. Davis, Sarah McMaster, and Friends board members Pam Smith and Paul Dove display some of the books purchased.

BY THE NUMBERS...

One of the best improvements brought about by the library's recent renovation project was the redesign of the library's public access computer area.

New tables and chairs and updated wiring and cabling made it possible to go from 8 Internet workstations to 18. There is also now space for 6 laptop workstations.

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Those 18 workstations have been used over 14,000 times since we reopened.

In a recent survey 89% of patrons responding indicated they were either satisfied or very satisfied with the expanded computer access at the library.

2012: From empty, to relocated, to back home



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Main Library

300 Washington Street
Winnsboro, South Carolina 29180
Phone: 803 635-4971
Fax: 803 635-7715
Hours: M,Tu,W,F 9-6 Th 9-9 Sat 9-1

Ridgeway Branch Library

175 S. Palmer Street
Ridgeway, South Carolina 29130
Phone/Fax: 803 337-2068
Hours: M-Th 2-6

Bookmobile

Phone Main Library at 803 635-4971

Dial-A-Story 803 635-2020

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Library Events ~~~ January-March, 2013

Main Library

January 3 at 7:00 p.m. Family Night
January 30 at 5:00 p.m. Friends Board Meeting
February 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 4:00 p.m.
Winter Story Hour Series
February 7 at 7:00 p.m. Family Night
February 27 at 5:00 p.m. Friends Board Meeting
March 7 at 7:00 p.m. Family Night
March 27 at 5:00 p.m. Friends Board Meeting

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 7 at 4:00 p.m. Story Hour

The Library Will Be Closed

Tuesday, January 1st
for New Year's Day
and
Monday, January 21st
for Martin Luther King Day
and
March 29th and 30th
For Easter

