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Author Nancy Roberts To Speak October 30th

The grande dame of ghost stories, Nancy Roberts, will speak at the Fairfield County Library on Sunday, October 30, at 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Roberts is the author of over twenty-five books such as *Ghosts of the Carolinas*, *Appalachian Ghosts*, and *Southern Ghosts*. She has also written several books on pirates.

Southern Living magazine proclaimed her "the custodian of the twilight zone," and she has also been called the "first lady of folklore." Her books blend suspense, mystery and history with her talent for finding true stories of the supernatural.

Ms. Roberts lives in Charlotte with her husband, Jim Brown, who assists her with her research. She has presented programs all over the Southeast.

Her appearance in Winnsboro is sponsored by the Friends of the



Nancy Roberts

Library as part of Winnsboro's Haunted History Weekend. She will have books for sale and refreshments will be served after the program.

See page two for more details on Haunted History Weekend.

Jim Harrison Art Show October 23rd to Benefit Library



Nationally-known South Carolina artist Jim Harrison will be in Winnsboro on Sunday, October 23rd, for a show and sale to benefit the Fairfield County Library.

The show will be held from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. at Gallery 107 North (the McCreight House on Vanderhorst Street) and will feature paintings, prints, note cards, calendars, etc. Mr. Harrison will be on hand to visit with the public and refreshments will be served. The first 100 visitors will receive a free print and a portion of the proceeds from the sale will benefit the library.

This is a great opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping, meet a legendary South Carolina artist, and support the library.

DIRECTOR'S DESK

SARAH MCMASTER

"Civilization exists by geological consent, subject to change without notice." Will Durant

This quote jumped out at me from all the reading I have done about the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina. As I am writing this, Hurricane Rita is churning toward Texas. Watching Mother Nature at work is a humbling thing.

Libraries have always had the job of preserving the record of civilization. As far back as the library at Alexandria, the treasures of history and learning have been entrusted to librarians. It is an awesome task; especially when one comes face to face with how easily such treasures can be lost.

A recent popular movie, *Day After Tomorrow*, depicts a catastrophic weather event that strands a group of survivors in the New York Public Library. They need

to burn something in order to stay warm and one of the characters refuses to let them burn philosophy books. They finally all agree that the federal tax code books are expendable!

Libraries in the Gulf Coast area have sustained grave damage, but the library community is rallying to their aid. The American Library Association has set up a fund for donations of money, and an "Adopt-a-Library" program is underway. South Carolina's Association of Public Library Administrators plans to adopt a library and work to provide needed books and other resources. It will be a long-term project, but we will be doing our small part to preserve civilization.

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

Just for Kids

- Come to **First Thursday Family Nights** on October 6, November 3, and December 1 at 7:00 p.m.
- Don't miss the **Fall Story Hour Series** on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. on October 4, 11, 18, and 25.
- Dress up and join the parade at the annual **Halloween Costume**



Contest on Monday, October 31 at 4:00 p.m.

- Drop in to listen to guest readers every afternoon at 4:00 p.m. during **Children's Book Week**, November 14-18.
- Help trim the library's Christmas tree on Thursday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m.



Haunted History Weekend in Winnsboro

Saturday, October 29:

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Scots Irish Genealogy Workshop** at Redcoats and Rascals Tavern

2 p.m. to 4 p.m. **Lantern Rail Tour** at the South Carolina Railroad Museum

6:30, 7:30, & 8:30 p.m. **Ghost Walk** at the Winnsboro Woman's Club

Sunday, October 30

11 a.m. **Kirkin' o' the Tartan Service** at Bethel ARP Church

2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. **"It's Revolutionary!"** at the Pine Tree Playhouse

4 p.m. to 6 p.m. **Nancy Roberts** at the Fairfield County Library

Saturday & Sunday: All Day **Poster Contest Walking Tour** sponsored by the Fairfield County Arts Council

From the Friends

The Fairfield County Library and the Friends of the Library invite you to **Operatic Romance: The Great Love Stories Set to Music,** a fall program series by everyone's favorite lecturer, Dr. Clyde McCants. Programs are scheduled for Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. on October 25, November 1, 8, and 15 at the library.

It's a rare opera indeed that doesn't include a love story at least on the fringes of the plot. Many operas, however, are all about romance, and the composers and their librettists have often turned to the most famous love stories as their source material. In this series of programs, we'll be sampling the musical romances of such notable couples as Samson and Delilah, Romeo and Juliet, Porgy and Bess, Orpheus and

Euridice, Tristan and Isolde.

In the process we'll hear the worlds greatest singers in music of Verdi, Gounod, Wagner, Gershwin, Vaccai. Wondering how Vaccai made it on that list? Join us for the programs and find out!



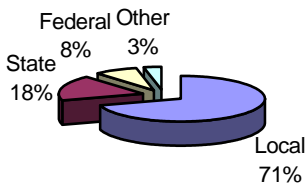
Join Dr. Clyde McCants for Operatic Romance

Dr. Clyde's third book, *Verdi's Aida*, will be available soon from McFarland Publishers.

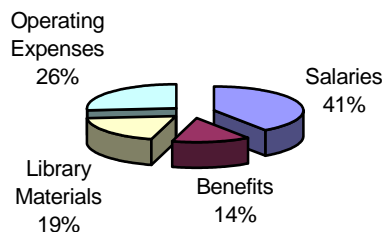
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BY THE NUMBERS

Library Revenues 2004-2005



Library Expenses 2004-2005

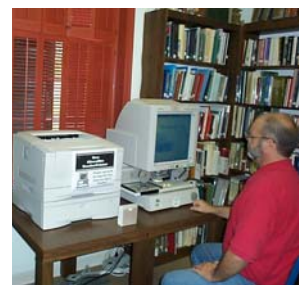


WebLinks

The library has recently installed a new Canon MS 300 digital reader printer in the South Carolina Room. The new machine handles both microfilm and microfiche, and can produce copies up to 11X17 in size. Soon it will be networked to a computer, allowing patrons to scan images from microfilm and save them to a disk. We will also have a

number of genealogy links set up on that workstation.

The purchase of the reader printer was made possible by funds from the Olde English Consortium Teaching American History grant and from the South Carolina Education Lottery.



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Main Library

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

Ridgeway Branch Library

P.O. Box 160 ~ 175 Palmer Street
Ridgeway, South Carolina 29130
Phone/Fax: 803 337-2068
Hours: M-Th 2-6

Bookmobile

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Library Events ~~~ October—December, 2005

Main Library

October 4, 4:00 p.m.	Fall Story Hour
October 6, 7:00 p.m.	Family Night: Stories from Africa
October 11, 4:00 p.m.	Fall Story Hour
October 18, 4:00 p.m.	Fall Story Hour
October 23, 2:00 p.m.	Jim Harrison Show and Sale (See Article)
October 25, 4:00 p.m.	Fall Story Hour
October 25, 7:00 p.m.	Operatic Romance with Clyde McCants (See Article)
October 30, 4:00 p.m.	Nancy Roberts Program (See Article)
October 31, 4:00 p.m.	Halloween Costume Contest
November 3, 7:00 p.m.	Family Night: Thanksgiving Stories
November 1, 7:00 p.m.	Opera with Clyde McCants
November 8, 7:00 p.m.	Opera with Clyde McCants
November 14-18, 4:00 p.m.	Children's Book Week Story Hours with Guest Readers
November 15, 7:00 p.m.	Opera with Clyde McCants
December 1, 7:00 p.m.	Family Night: Trim the Tree Party

Ridgeway Branch

October 6, 4:00 p.m.	Story Hour: Stories from Africa
October 13, 4:00 p.m.	Fall Story Hour
October 20, 4:00 p.m.	Fall Story Hour
October 27, 4:00 p.m.	Fall Story Hour
November 17, 4:00 p.m.	Children's Book Week Story Hour
December 1, 4:00 p.m.	Christmas Party



The Library Will Be Closed
Thursday, November 24th
for Thanksgiving
and
December 23rd-27th
for
Christmas