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Tommy Scott Young to Speak at Friends' Fall Program

Storyteller, poet, playwright, author, producer, teacher, sculptor, AND Fairfield County native Tommy Scott Young will be the guest speaker for the Fall Program of the Friends of the Library at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 22.



Tommy Scott Young

Mr. Young directed the Kitani Foundation in South Carolina from 1977-1983 where he was responsible for bringing national performing artists to school groups in the state. The Foundation was awarded the Elizabeth O'Neil Verner Award for "outstanding contributions to the arts in South Carolina."

In 2001, Mr. Young was one of Bell-South's African American History Calendar honorees. He has been Storyteller-in Residence at the Lincoln Center Institute and he has also written several books including *Tommy Scott Young Spins*

Magic Tales, Black Blues and Shiny Songs, and Crazy Half Sings a Crazy Wolf Song.

*Do you remember?
Tommy Scott Young spoke to the Friends in 1978. He was one of the first programs sponsored by the newly organized group.*

South Carolina Libraries Receive Gates Foundation Funds



Melinda and Bill Gates

Public libraries in South Carolina are receiving a third round of funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The Fairfield County Library has received \$14,793.00 for the Main Library and the Ridgeway Branch. The funds are designated for upgrading public access computers.

Previous funding from the Gates Foundation allowed the Fairfield County Library to purchase ten public access computers, printers, and network equipment. This current grant will replace four computers at the Ridgeway Branch and eight computers at the Main Library. All will have the Windows XP operating system, the latest version of Microsoft Office software, and USB ports for flash drives. The computers are being ordered now and should be installed by December.

DIRECTOR'S DESK

SARAH MCMASTER

Do you ever daydream about being really rich? What is your definition of "rich?" It probably varies for each of us, but mine would be having enough money to make any choice I wanted without having to worry about whether I could pay for it.

Then the question becomes...what choices do you make? Houses, cars, clothes, jewelry, travel...all of those things would be appealing. But if money truly were no object, eventually you would run out of "stuff" to spend it on. Hopefully, for most of us, we would also choose to give money to causes we believe in: church, school, United Way, other charitable organizations...and perhaps libraries. Which leads us to Bill and Melinda Gates, who are giving away billions of

dollars through their foundation.

Fortunately for the Fairfield County Library, one of the causes they believe in is helping people, especially in disadvantaged areas, have access to computers and the Internet. Our library has certainly benefited from their choice to share their wealth. Soon we will replace all the public computers bought with a 1999 Gates grant with new up-to-date workstations. The original computers have withstood seven years of hard, daily use. We're looking forward to unveiling the new models soon. Thanks, Bill and Melinda, for choosing us!

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 5, November 2, and December 7 at 7:00 p.m.
- Don't miss the **Fall Story Hour Series** on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. on October 3, 10, 17, and 24.
- Dress up and join the parade at the annual **Halloween Costume**



Contest on Tuesday, 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 13-17.
- Help trim the library's Christmas tree on Thursday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m.



Thought for the day...

"Access to information is basic to democracy and the local library is the deliberately created place where people can find the information they need in order to become more effective in both their personal and public lives.... Libraries are not luxuries. They build thoughtful communities."

From *Small Town, Nov/Dec, 1986*
Published by the *Small Towns Institute*

From the Friends

The Fairfield County Library and the Friends of the Library invite you to a special program in honor of Columbus Day, "The Old World Sings the New World," on Monday, October 9, at 7:00 p.m. at the library.

Clyde McCants, retired ARP minister and frequent speaker on operatic subjects, will discuss the way European composers have turned to North, Central, and South America for inspiration, and will illustrate their music with recorded examples. The public is invited to attend.

Christopher Columbus appeared as the major character in at least five operas, and Native Americans also fascinated the Europeans. They are featured in operas by composers such as Milhaud, Franchetti, and Puccini.

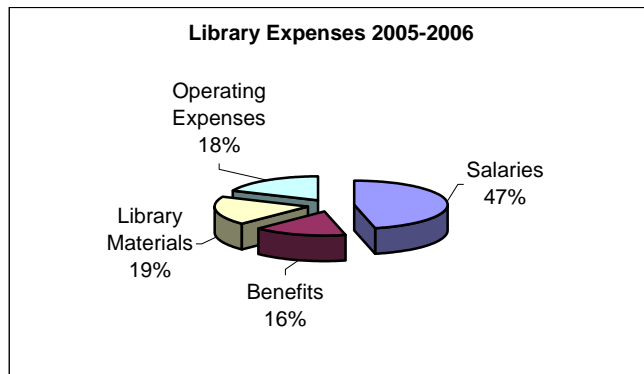
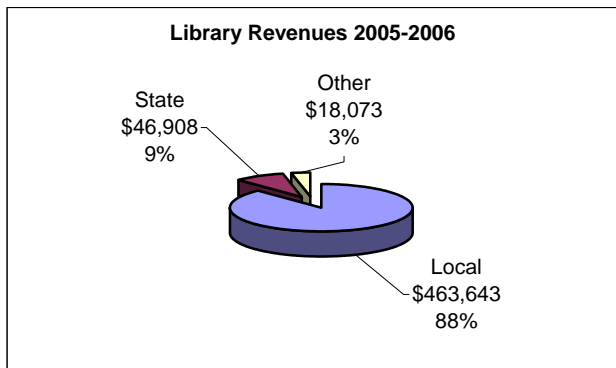
Dr. McCants teaches operatic courses at the Shepherd Center programs in Columbia and St. Andrews. He is President of the Winnsboro Music Study Club and the author of three books on opera, including *Verdi's Aida*, published in December, 2005.



Join Dr. Clyde McCants for "The Old World Sings the New World."

October 22-28, 2006
National Friends of the Library Week

BY THE NUMBERS



WebLinks

A new feature has been added to the library's website: a link to Fairfield County Government documents.

Go to www.fairfield.lib.sc.us and choose "County Council" from the right hand menu. The link takes you to a page with a list of county council agendas and minutes. Documents are in a .pdf format and can be read online or printed.

Thanks go to Shryll Brown, Clerk to Council, for providing the documents, and to Mike Poole, our System Administrator, for getting them up on the website.

One user told us having the information online saved her a 40-mile drive to the library! Other County Government information is available in paper format at the library.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY LIBRARY

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

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, 2006

Main Library

October 3, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour Series
October 5, 7:00 p.m. Family Night:
Harvest Time Stories
October 9, 7:00 p.m. Clyde McCants: *The Old
World Sings the New World*
(see article on page 3)
October 10, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour Series
October 17, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour Series
October 22, 4:00 p.m. Friends Fall Program
(see article on page 1)
October 24, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour Series
October 25, 5:00 p.m. Friends Board Meeting
October 31, 4:00 p.m. Halloween Costume Contest
November 2, 7:00 p.m. Family Night:
Thanksgiving Stories
November 13-17, 4:00 p.m. Children's Book Week
Story Hours
November 29, 4:00 p.m. Friends Board Meeting
December 7, 7:00 p.m. Family Night:
Trim the Tree Party

Ridgeway Branch

October 5, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour
October 12, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour
October 19, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour
October 26, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour
November 16, 4:00 p.m. Children's Book Week
Story Hour
December 7, 4:00 p.m. Christmas Party



*The Library Will Be Closed
Thursday, November 23rd
for Thanksgiving
and
December 22nd-26th
for
Christmas*