

# Fairfield County Library

# BookBytes

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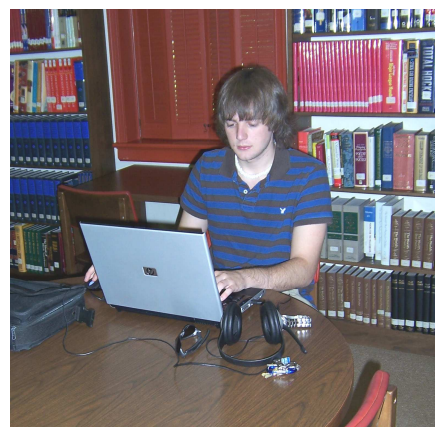
## Fairfield County Library Now a Wireless Hot Spot

The latest new service at the Fairfield County Library is high-speed wireless Internet access.

Patrons can access the Internet with their own wireless laptops or devices anywhere in the Main Library building during regular library hours. This is a popular option as it means no waiting for a library computer during peak demand times.

The library plans to expand this new service to the Ridgeway Branch in the near future.

The library uses the WiFi standard (also known as IEEE 802.11a, 802.11b, and 802.11g). These standards provide up to 54 megabits/second connection speed. Speed will vary by location and number of users. Patrons using wireless Internet access are subject to the same policies and standards of be-



*Russell Branham uses his laptop to access college course information.*

havior that govern library computers.

Funding for the wireless equipment was provided by a FY 06-07 South Carolina Education Lottery appropriation for public libraries.

## Library Adds Genealogy Databases

Finding your ancestors can be a little easier now that the library has subscriptions to two of the country's top genealogy databases: HeritageQuest Online and Ancestry Library Edition.

The HeritageQuest database includes coverage of U.S. federal census records, more than 20,000 book titles including nearly 8,000 family histories, the Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, and the Freedman's Bank Records. The Periodical Source Index is another feature that covers more than 6,300 genealogy and history periodicals since 1800. *(See page 3 for instructions about how to access HeritageQuest from your home computer.)*

Ancestry offers over 4,000 resources including census records, the Social Security Death Index, WWI Draft Registration Cards, Federal Slave Narratives, the American Genealogical Biographical Index, and the Daughters of the American Revolution Lineage. *(The Ancestry database is available only on library computers.)*

# DIRECTOR'S DESK

SARAH MCMASTER

It seems hard to imagine as I write this in 90-degree weather, but Christmas will be here before we know it!

I'm always envious of friends who have all their shopping done by Thanksgiving. Somehow I never start early and by then I'm just beginning to panic as I realize how much I have to do in a few short weeks!

One thing that does always seem to end up under the tree for all my family members is, of course, books. Thankfully, most of my nieces and nephews like to read and are not too disappointed when they open Aunt Sarah's books. Over the years I have gifted them with some of my old favorites as well as new titles that catch

my eye or that they request. Older family members also seem to appreciate books on their hobbies or by authors they like.

My husband Bob still says that one of his best Christmases ever was the year that he unwrapped several dozen books. I gave him hard-back copies of many of his old favorites by John D. MacDonald and Louis L'Amour that I had picked up at the flea market during the year.

I hope your family has a book-giving tradition, too. If not, it's never too early to start one. Give the gift of reading!

*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 4, November 1, and December 6 at 7:00 p.m.
- Don't miss the **Fall Story Hour Series** on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. on October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.
- Dress up and join the parade at the annual **Halloween Costume**



**Contest** on Wednesday, October 31 at 4:00 p.m. (Judging at 4:30)

- Drop in to listen to guest readers every afternoon at 4:00 p.m. during **Children's Book Week**, November 12-16.
- Help trim the library's Christmas tree on Thursday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m.



## Thought for the day...

"The book has survived the phonograph, the radio, moving pictures, the reel-to-reel tape, the television, the cassette tape, the eight-track tape, the VHS and Beta videotape formats, the DVD, the CD, the iPod, the personal computer, the Palm Pilot, the BlackBerry, and the internet. Why?...The book requires no periodic upgrades or enhancements—and you can't pull the plug on it."

Will Manley, *American Libraries*, August 2007

## From the Friends

The Friends' Fall Meeting will be Sunday, October 21, 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.

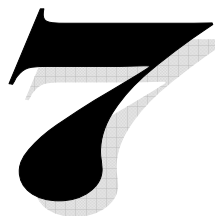
The program is funded by a Speakers' Bureau grant from The Humanities Council <sup>SC</sup>.

**October 21-27, 2007**

**National Friends of the Library Week**

## BY THE NUMBERS

- The number of citizens appointed by County Council to serve on the Fairfield County Library Commission.
- Current members are Tom Fletcher, Chairman, Lisa Cathcart, Vice-Chairman, Mary Lynne Zeno, Secretary, Peni Chandler, Treasurer, and Virginia Roseborough, Plumie Richmond, and Vandell Davis.



- Members serve four-year terms and are limited to two consecutive terms.
- Mary Lynne Zeno and Plumie Richmond have reached the end of their 8-year tenures. Our thanks go out to them for outstanding service to the library. They will be missed!

## WebLinks

**HeritageQuest**, one of the library's newly acquired genealogy databases, can also be accessed from outside the library via the Internet.

- Go to the library's website:  
[www.fairfield.lib.sc.us](http://www.fairfield.lib.sc.us)
- In menu on the left, click **DISCUS**
- On the DISCUS page, look for the sentence at the top that says **"To learn how to access DISCUS from home, click here."**

- On the next page, click **"Remote Access"**
- Enter your library card barcode number and your pin number (defaults to the last four digits of your telephone number)
- HeritageQuest will be one of the menu choices on the left side

Call Sarah or Mike at the library if you have questions.

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## Main Library

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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

Phone Main Library at 803 635-4971

Dial-A-Story 803 635-2020

[www.fairfield.lib.sc.us](http://www.fairfield.lib.sc.us)

## Library Events ~~~ October-December, 2007

### Main Library

October 2, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour Series  
October 4, 7:00 p.m. Family Night:  
Harvest Time Stories  
October 9, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour Series  
October 16, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour Series  
October 21, 4:00 p.m. Friends Fall Program  
(see article on page 3)  
October 23, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour Series  
October 30, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour Series  
October 31, 5:00 p.m. Friends Board Meeting  
October 31, 4:00 p.m. Halloween Costume Contest  
November 1, 7:00 p.m. Family Night:  
Stories of Giving Thanks  
November 12-16, 4:00 p.m. Children's Book Week  
Story Hours  
November 28, 5:00 p.m. Friends Board Meeting  
December 6, 7:00 p.m. Family Night:  
Trim the Tree Party

### Ridgeway Branch

October 4, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour  
October 11, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour  
October 18, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour  
October 25, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour  
November 15, 4:00 p.m. Children's Book Week  
Story Hour  
December 6, 4:00 p.m. Christmas Party



*The Library Will Be Closed  
Thursday, November 22nd  
for Thanksgiving  
and  
December 24th-26th  
for  
Christmas*