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Library Receives Grant for Expansion Project

Thanks to the efforts of Senator Linda Short, the Fairfield County Library has received \$30,000 to be used for the library's expansion project.

In January, Senator Short recommended that the library submit a grant application to the South Carolina Competitive Community Grants program administered by the state Budget and Control Board. This was done, and the library was notified in July that a \$30,000 award had been approved. On September 25, Library Director Sarah McMaster and Library Commission Chairman Tom Fletcher received the check from Senator Short.

During her tenure in the Senate, Senator Short has been a strong supporter of public libraries. She was a leader in getting S. C. Education Lottery funding approved



Left to right: Sarah McMaster, Senator Linda Short, and Library Commission Chairman Tom Fletcher

for public libraries. Lottery funding has helped the Fairfield County Library provide wireless Internet access, update computers, install a security system, and purchase books and other materials.

We thank her for her support, and wish her well in her retirement!

Library and Friends Thank School Media Specialists



At the Fairfield County School District Board Meeting on September 23, 2008, the Friends of the Library presented awards of appreciation to a group of people who are dedicated supporters of public library programs: the Fairfield County School District media specialists.

Each year the media specialists help promote Summer Reading, provide reading lists from each school, and volunteer at the library's Summer Reading kick-off. During the school year, public library staff members are invited to the monthly meetings of the media specialists. This cooperative relationship culminates in the Annual Read-In in the spring which rewards those students who have excelled in extracurricular reading during the school year. (L to R) Fairfield Middle School Media Specialist Harriet Pauling, Superintendent Dr. Ingram, School Board Member Rickey Johnson, and Sarah McMaster.

DIRECTOR'S DESK

SARAH MCMASTER

It's not about me.

As I worked on the layout of this newsletter, it hit me that I was in almost every picture...not a good thing when you have gray hair and some pounds to lose! It embarrassed me, until I realized that the pictures are not about me, but really about the OTHER people in them...people who care about and support the Fairfield County Library.

Could there be a more diverse group than a state senator, WalMart employees, and a school media specialist? That diversity of support just goes to show how important public libraries are to a wide range of people in the community.

Having a public library makes a difference in

people's lives. In just one hour today I helped one person look for a book on writing resumes, another person find books on planning a fall festival for children, and a third person find information on divorce forms. In between doing that, I logged people onto computers, sent faxes, made photocopies, and checked out materials. Where would those people get help without a public library?

We are here because this community values our services. From County Council, to the Friends of the Library, to media specialists, to business people, to just regular folks: YOU are what keeps us going! Thanks for your support.

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 Night Story Hours** on October 2, November 6, and December 4 at 7:00 p.m.
- Don't miss the **Fall Story Hour Series** on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. on October 7, 14, 21, and 28.



- Dress up and join the parade at the annual **Halloween Costume Contest** on Friday, October 31 at 4:30 p.m. (Judging at 5:00 p.m.)
- Help trim the library's Christmas tree on Thursday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m.



WalMart Grant Supports Children's Programs

WalMart has been a strong supporter of library programs over the years, and again this year has contributed \$1000.00 which will help underwrite the library's annual Read In and Summer Reading Programs.

(L to R) Library Director Sarah McMaster, WalMart Store Manager Brandon Hines, Personnel Manager Natasha Curry, and Community Services Librarian Chrishonda Gaither.

From the Friends

The Friends' Fall Meeting will be Sunday, October 19, at 4:00 p.m. at the library.

Guest speaker Bill Brockington will present a program on **"Scots-Irish in the Southeast."** He will tell us about this European group's powerful influence on South Carolina. Who are they, where did they settle, and how did they change the face of Southern culture?

Bill Brockington is a Professor of History at USC-Aiken, past president of the SC Historical Association, and editor of four books. He is the Transportation Associate Editor for *The South Carolina Encyclopedia* and has researched and written on the Ulster/Southern connection for

over 40 years.

Refreshments and fellowship will follow the program. Guests are welcome.

The program is funded by a Speakers' Bureau grant from The Humanities Council SC.



October 19-25, 2008

National Friends of the Library Week

BY THE NUMBERS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of new library cards issued during the summer months of June, July, and August, 2008. This was an increase of 139% over 2007. • Student card circulation (ages 0-17) was 5445 for those months, an increase of 69.68% over the summer of 2007. | <h1>557</h1> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulation of children's materials increased 56.68% over 2007. • Total library circulation for the summer of 2008 increased 20.78% over 2007. • Circulation of Juvenile fiction books increased 125.87% over 2007. |
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WebLinks

Here are some links to help you find information about the upcoming elections:

- www.scvotes.org How to register, who the candidates are, SC Constitutional amendment information, precinct listings
- www.barackobama.com The official website of the Obama campaign
- www.johnmccain.com The official website of the McCain campaign
- www.votesmart.org Nonpartisan, nonprofit information for voters. Bills itself as a way for voters to defend themselves against the spin of politicians.

October 4th is the deadline for registering to vote in the November 4th presidential election. Register and Exercise Your Right To Vote!

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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

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

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Library Events ~~~ October-December, 2008

Main Library

October 2, 7:00 p.m. Family Night: Sports Stories
October 7, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour Series
October 14, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour Series
October 21, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour Series
October 19, 4:00 p.m. Friends Fall Program
(see article on page 3)
October 28, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour Series
October 29, 5:00 p.m. Friends Board Meeting
October 31, 4:00 p.m. Halloween Costume Contest
November 6, 7:00 p.m. Family Night:
Thanksgiving Stories
December 4, 7:00 p.m. Family Night:
Trim the Tree Party

Ridgeway Branch

October 2, 4:00 p.m. Story Hour
October 9, 26, 23 & 30, 4:00 p.m.
Fall Story Hour Series
November 6, 4:00 p.m. Story Hour
December 4, 4:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Party



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