

# BookBytes



## Fairfield County Library Will Join SC LENDS in December

Fairfield County is one of ten libraries in South Carolina that are joining together to share resources, including books, DVD's, CD's, and anything else that circulates. Here are a few quick facts:

- The ten libraries forming SC LENDS are Anderson, Beaufort, Calhoun, Chesterfield, Dorchester, Fairfield, Florence, Union, and York County Library systems and the South Carolina State Library

The consortium is being formed in stages as groups of library systems migrate to the Evergreen software. Beaufort, Union, and the South Carolina State Library went live with SC LENDS in May. In early October they will be joined by Calhoun, Chesterfield, Dorchester, and York. The last phase will include Anderson, Fairfield, and Florence counties.

To see the current SC LENDS catalog (which includes the first three libraries), go to <http://scends.lib.sc.us>.

Formation of the SC LENDS consortium is being supported by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services administered by the South Carolina State Library.

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- SC LENDS stands for "South Carolina Library Evergreen Network Delivery System"
- All ten libraries will be using open-source integrated library software called Evergreen
- Together, SC LENDS libraries serve a population of almost 1 million people and circulate more than 2 million items
- SC LENDS libraries will share a single catalog, which means that patrons can search for items at any of the ten libraries, request them by clicking a button, and have them delivered in a few days



Fairfield County Library  
will soon be a  
PROUD member  
Of  
SC LENDS

Sharing more resources statewide to bring you books and information you need!

# DIRECTOR'S DESK

SARAH MCMASTER

Sometimes maintaining the status quo is good.

In today's economic climate, many libraries around the country are facing reduced funding. The recession is causing library use to go up at the very time that many libraries are having to cut hours and staff to make ends meet. Union County Library right here in South Carolina is having to close down for six weeks this year because of funding cuts. Other libraries in the state have had to reduce hours or cut back staff.

The Fairfield County Library's local budget appropriation for FY 09-10 is the same as the previous fiscal year. We are very grateful to be maintaining the status quo rather than facing a reduction!

Even though our budget doesn't allow for any

extras, we are excited that our upcoming participation in SC LENDS will offer our users a big bang for no more bucks! Fairfield County citizens will have access to the contents of ten libraries...all at no extra cost to them or the library. In fact, we expect that being a part of SC LENDS will actually save money in the future. Our ten member libraries are already finding ways behind the scenes to share costs and expertise, resulting in better services for less money.

So, thank a County Council member for maintaining the library's budget and let them know your library is working to maximize services in these tight times.

*Feel free to reach me by phone at 803 635-4971 or by email at [sarah@fairfield.lib.sc.us](mailto:sarah@fairfield.lib.sc.us).*

## Just for Kids

- Come to **First Thursday Family Night Story Hours** on October 1, November 5, and December 3 at 7:00 p.m.
- Don't miss the **Fall Story Hour Series** on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. on October 6, 13, 20, and 27.



- Dress up and join the parade at the annual **Halloween Costume Contest** on Friday, October 30th at 4:00 p.m. (Judging at 4:30 p.m.)
- Help trim the library's Christmas tree on Thursday, December 3rd at 7:00 p.m.



## In Memoriam

In 1977, Tan Brown called together a group of citizens interested in forming a Friends of the Library group for the Fairfield County Library. Her enthusiasm was infectious and her organizational skills kept everyone moving forward. Tan served as the first President of the Friends and stayed active and interested in the Friends and the library for many years.

In 2003, at the Friends' 25th anniversary celebration she received a lifetime membership in recognition of her service to the library. She is pictured at right, receiving the award from Friends' President Elizabeth Martin.



## *From the Friends*

**The Friends' Fall Meeting  
will be  
Sunday, October 18, at 4:00 p.m.**

**The Swamp Fox is coming to Winnsboro!**

Joseph T. Stukes, Professor and Chair of the Francis Marion History Department from 1974-1996 will portray Francis Marion for the Friends' Fall Program. With degrees from Davidson College and Emory University, Stukes received his PhD in History from the University of South Carolina. Because of his teaching excellence during his tenure at Erskine College, there is an endowed Stukes Lecture Series there. Since 1974 Stukes has conducted historical monologues of prominent South Carolina figures such as Francis Marion and Joel Poinsett.



**October 18-24, 2009**

**National Friends of the Library Week**

## **BY THE NUMBERS**

The library has **two new laptops** that are available for use by patrons in the library.

Because of the high demand for Internet access which results in waiting lists and time limits for computer workstations, patrons needing to apply for jobs or take online tests were challenged to finish their work in a 30-minute time period. The lap-

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tops will be available for checkout in 2-hour time increments. Patrons must be 18, must show a picture ID, and must complete a checkout form. Preference will be given to patrons needing to take tests or complete job applications.

For more information see Mike Poole or Sarah McMaster during library hours.

## **WebLinks**

Two new database resources have been added to **DISCUS** (South Carolina's Virtual Library): LearningExpress Library and Ferguson's Career Guidance Center.

- **LearningExpress Library** provides practice tests and tutorials to help users succeed on academic and licensing exams. Examples are GED, SAT, and ACT practice tests as well as nursing, civil service, and military practice tests.

- **Ferguson's Career Center** includes overview articles and videos on nearly 3400 jobs and 94 industries. There are also searchable entries on scholarships and internships. Especially useful are more than 90 sample resumes and cover letters.

**To access, click on the Research Help icon if you're in the library or DISCUS in the website menu from home.**

# 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

Phone Main Library at 803 635-4971

Dial-A-Story 803 635-2020

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## Library Events ~~~ October-December, 2009

### Main Library

October 1, 7:00 p.m. Family Night: Scary Stories  
October 6, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour Series  
October 13, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour Series  
October 18, 4:00 p.m. Friends' Fall Meeting  
October 18-24 Friends of the Library Week  
October 20, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour Series  
October 27, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour Series  
October 28, 5:00 p.m. Friends Board Meeting  
October 30, 4:00 p.m. Halloween Costume Contest  
November 5, 7:00 p.m. Family Night:  
Stories of Giving Thanks  
December 3, 7:00 p.m. Family Night:  
Trim the Tree Party  
December 30, 5:00 p.m. Friends Board Meeting

### Ridgeway Branch

October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 4:00 p.m.  
Fall Story Hour Series  
November 5, 4:00 p.m. Story Hour  
December 3, 4:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Party



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