

BookBytes



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SC LENDS Will Welcome Six New Counties in December

SC LENDS continues to grow!

The resource sharing consortium was formed in 2009 with ten members:

- Anderson County Library
- Beaufort County Library
- Calhoun County Library
- Chesterfield County Library
- Dorchester County Library
- Fairfield County Library
- Florence County Library
- South Carolina State Library
- Union County Carnegie Library
- York County Library

Six additional counties have asked to become part of the consortium

and will be brought into the system in December. They are:

- Allendale, Hampton, Jasper Regional Library
- Colleton County Library
- Kershaw County Library and
- Williamsburg County Library

The additional members will bring over 60,000 more patrons and over 300,000 new materials to the consortium total.

SC LENDS has done a booming business since its inception. Over 200,000 items have circulated among the ten library systems. June 2010 was the busiest month with school out, summer reading assignments, and families on vacation. Fairfield County Library has borrowed and loaned over 5,600 items to date.



Fairfield County Library and SC LENDS

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

DIRECTOR'S DESK

SARAH MCMASTER

What are you thankful for?

When I look around the stores, it sometimes seems to me that the retail world has forgotten Thanksgiving. Shelves are overflowing with Halloween ghosts and ghoulies with Santa Claus and the reindeer peeking over their shoulders. There are a few turkeys and Pilgrims in the mix, but somehow they seem overwhelmed!

Now, more than ever, we all need to stop and count our blessings. One of the blessings in my professional life has been the Friends of the Fairfield County Library. October 17-23 is National Friends of the Library Week, and I want to say a special thanks to everyone who supports our Friends group through their memberships, time, and talents.

The library has been enriched in countless ways by the Friends over the last 33 years. They have contributed funds for materials, programs and projects; volunteered time at special events and festivals; and most importantly have been advocates for the library. Having a group of folks in the community who support the library's mission is something for which I am truly thankful every day.

So when you count your blessings this season...I hope the library is one of them. We are fortunate to live in a country (and a county) that offers free access to information and books. Not everyone is as lucky as we are.

Happy Holidays from all of us at the library!

Feel free to reach me by phone at 803 635-4971 or by email at sarah@fairfield.lib.sc.us.

Just for Kids

- Come to **First Thursday Family Night Story Hours** on October 7, November 4, and December 2 at 7:00 p.m.
- Don't miss the **Fall Story Hour Series** on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. on October 5, 12, 19, and 26.



- Dress up and join the parade at the annual **Halloween Costume Contest** on Friday, October 29th at 4:00 p.m. (Judging at 4:30 p.m.)
- Help trim the library's Christmas tree on Thursday, December 2nd at 7:00 p.m.



New Children's Computers

The Fairfield County library has installed two AWE Early Literacy Workstations for children. One was provided by a LSTA Grant from the South Carolina State Library and one was purchased with local funds.

Each computer is loaded with fun (and instructional!) software appropriate for young children. Categories include reading, math, geography, art, and music. All programs are available in either English or Spanish. Touch screens, colorful graphics, and music make the programs kid-friendly and enticing.



From the Friends

The Friends' Fall Meeting
will be
Sunday, October 10, at 4:00 p.m.

Winston Churchill is coming to Winnsboro!

Joseph T. Stukes, Professor and Chair of the Francis Marion History Department from 1974-1996, will portray Winston Churchill 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. Last year Stukes conducted historical monologues of famous South Carolinians Francis Marion (see photo at right) and James F. Byrnes for the Friends. Don't miss him!



October 17-23, 2010
National Friends of the Library
Week

FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

"In hard times, libraries are more important than ever. Human beings need what books give them better than any other medium. Since ancient nights around prehistoric campfires, we have needed myth. And heroes. And moral tales. And information about the world beyond the nearest mountains or oceans.

Today, with books and movies more expensive than ever, and television entertainment in free

fall to the lowest level of stupidity, free circulating books are an absolute necessity. They are quite simply another kind of food.

For those without money, the road to the treasure house of the imagination begins at the public library."

Pete Hamill

Columnist, *New York Daily News*

WebLinks

Once again the airwaves are filled with political ads as elections loom in November. Here are some links to help you find helpful information during this political season:

- www.scvotes.org

This site is provided by the SC Election Commission and gives information about how to register, how to find your precinct, what candidates

are running, and much more.

- www.factcheck.org
- www.votesmart.org

These two sites provide non-partisan information about candidates and evaluate the factual accuracy of TV ads, speeches, and debates for the major candidates.

Please remember to vote!

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Ridgeway Branch Library

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Ridgeway, South Carolina 29130
Phone/Fax: 803 337-2068
Hours: M-Th 2-6

Bookmobile

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Library Events ~~~ October-December, 2010

Main Library

October 5, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour Series
October 7, 4:00 p.m. Family Night: Ghost Stories
October 10, 4:00 p.m. Friends' Fall Meeting
October 19, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour Series
October 17-23 Friends of the Library Week
October 26, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour Series
October 27, 5:00 p.m. Friends Board Meeting
October 29, 4:00 p.m. Halloween Costume Contest
November 4, 7:00 p.m. Family Night:
Thanksgiving Stories
December 2, 7:00 p.m. Family Night:
Trim the Tree Party
December 29, 5:00 p.m. Friends Board Meeting

Ridgeway Branch

October 7, 14, 21, 28, 4:00 p.m.
Fall Story Hour Series
November 4, 4:00 p.m. Story Hour
December 2, 4:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Party



*The Library Will Be Closed
Thursday, November 25th & 26th
for Thanksgiving
and
December 23rd-27th
for
Christmas
and
December 31 for New Year's*