

BookBytes



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Library Renovation Project to Begin Soon

The 35-year-old Fairfield County Main Library will get a facelift over the next few months.

Although the library will not be expanding, the building will get some much needed maintenance and renovations. Cosmetic and visible upgrades will include new carpet, paint, and some new furniture and shelving. Behind the scenes maintenance will include upgraded wiring, a new roof, and insulation and weatherizing.

Architect Danny Shelley of James, Durant, Matthews and Shelley in Sumter, SC, is overseeing the project. Mr. Shelley has drawn the plans for the library's eventual expansion, so he is making every effort to have the current renovations blend with whatever expansion is done later.

Fairfield County Council has allocated \$350,000 for the project.

The library also has two grants which will be used. One is approximately \$80,000 in a federal Library Services and Technology Grant obtained by Senator Lindsay Graham which will be used for computers and furniture and shelving. The second is a \$30,000 state grant obtained by former Senator Linda Short which will be used for architectural costs.

The only new space in this project will be a small storage building behind the library which will help relieve the congestion in the library's staff work spaces.

Although no firm timeline for the work has been established yet, the target date for beginning is December, 2011. The Main Library will be closed for several months while construction is underway. Plans are being made for library services to relocate during the renovation. See details below.

Main Library to Close During Renovations...Services Will Relocate

The Main Library building in Winnsboro will be closed for several months during the renovation project. We hope to have bids in and a contractor ready to begin work by early December, but the final schedule will depend on the bidding process and contractor availability.

Plans are underway to relocate Main Library services to space adjacent to Hacker Industries (near DSS and the Health Department in part of the old TG&Y space) on the 321 By-Pass. Some of the collection will be in storage, however we hope to offer as large a selection of materials as possible. We will have some public access computers, photocopying, and fax service. Final details will be advertised to the public as soon as they are available.

The Ridgeway Branch Library may be open some extra hours during the time the Main Library is closed for relocation. Bookmobile and outreach activities will continue as usual.

DIRECTOR'S DESK

SARAH MCMASTER

The next few months at the main library will be an upheaval for everyone.

Library staff will be working to get everything cleaned up and ready for the movers who will pack up and store some of the collection. Schedules will be unpredictable to some degree. Interruption to services will be problematic for everyone.

I pledge to do everything possible to minimize the inconvenience, but there is no way to get around the fact that the building will need to be closed for a number of weeks during the renovation process. December is historically our slowest month, so we are hoping to schedule the bulk of the work during that time. However projects are often delayed, work takes longer than estimated, and the holidays may affect contractor

scheduling.

We are currently planning to relocate services to a space near DSS and the Health Department on the 321 By-Pass. At the time of this writing, we plan to offer some public access computers, photocopying, fax service, and as much of the collection as is feasible. Although no firm schedule has been set at this time, I expect that we will relocate around Thanksgiving and not be back in the Main Library building until the end of January at the earliest. We will need to be closed to the public for several weeks at the beginning and end of the project while we move.

Thanks for your patience...we'll keep you posted!

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

Just for Kids

- Come to **First Thursday Family Night Story Hours** on October 6, November 3, and December 1 at 7:00 p.m.
- Don't miss the **Fall Story Hour Series** on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. on October 4, 11, 18, and 25.



- Dress up and join the parade at the annual **Halloween Costume Contest** on Monday, October 31st at 4:00 p.m. (Judging at 4:30 p.m.)
- Help trim the library's Christmas tree on Thursday, December 1st at 7:00 p.m. (*subject to change depending on renovation project*)



Thanks, Lisa and Peni!

The Fairfield County Library Commission says a sad good-bye to two long-serving board members: Lisa Cathcart and Peni Chandler. Both have served faithfully for eight years. Lisa has served as Vice-Chairman and Peni has been Treasurer for most of their terms.

New members recently appointed to the board are James M. (Bubba) Lyles and Sara Yeazell.



From the Friends

The Friends' Fall Meeting Sunday, November 6, at 4:00 p.m.

Once again, back by popular demand, Dr. Joseph T. Stukes, Professor and Chair of the Francis Marion History Department from 1974-1996, will present the Friends' Fall Program. With degrees from Davidson College and Emory University, Stukes received his PhD in History from the University of South Carolina. Dr. Stukes has entertained the Friends as Francis Marion (see picture at right), James F. Byrnes, and Winston Churchill. This year's program will be a portrayal of Judah P. Benjamin. Born in the West Indies, raised in Charleston, Benjamin moved to Louisiana where he became a noted lawyer. Jefferson Davis appointed him Attorney General of the Confederate States of America, and he later became Secretary of State for the CSA.



October 16-22, 2011
National Friends of the Library
Week

FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

"No matter what the medium of the day is, a library is a public gathering place...for reading, viewing, listening...for talking, creating, playing.

What's going on inside a library is an essential human activity. Just as we might say a gym is for the life of the body, or a church is for the life of the spirit, so a library is for the life of the mind. Libraries are a necessity for a vibrant community life.

I used to say 'a library is a clicks and bricks theme park whose theme is the life of the mind.' Probably in the years to come the average public library will look less like a warehouse and more like a clubhouse."

Daniel Cooper Clark, blogger

WebLinks

www.fairfield.lib.sc.us

While the Main Library is undergoing renovations, please don't forget that we are part of a 15-library consortium!

The SC LENDS catalog will be available on the library's website and patrons will be able to request books from other libraries which will be delivered here.

So even though some parts of the Fairfield County Library's collection

will be in storage during the renovations, patrons will still have access to over 2 million items in the SC LENDS consortium. Don't hesitate to ask library staff if you need help in placing holds on materials from other libraries.



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, 2011

Main Library

- October 4, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour Series
- October 6, 4:00 p.m. Family Night: Monster Stories
- October 11, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour Series
- October 17-23 Friends of the Library Week
- October 18, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour Series
- October 25, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour Series
- October 26, 5:00 p.m. Friends Board Meeting
- October 31, 4:00 p.m. Halloween Costume Contest
- November 3, 7:00 p.m. Family Night: Stories about Giving Thanks
- November 6, 4:00 p.m. Friends Fall Meeting
- December 1, 7:00 p.m. Family Night: Trim the Tree Party (subject to change)
- December 28, 5:00 p.m. Friends Board Meeting

Ridgeway Branch

- October 6, 13, 20, 27, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour Series
- November 3, 4:00 p.m. Story Hour
- December 1, 4:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Party



*The Library Will Be Closed
Thursday, November 24th & 25th
for Thanksgiving
and
December 23rd-27th
for
Christmas
and
December 30 for New Year's*