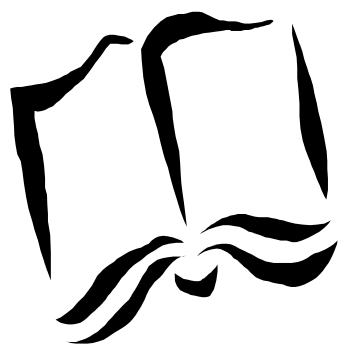


BookBytes

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Ebooks are coming soon to your local library!

The Fairfield County Library will soon be joining the Jasmine Digital Library.

Jasmine currently has thirteen South Carolina public library members who have joined together to offer digital content to their patrons through Overdrive, a major vendor of ebooks to public libraries.

Fairfield County Library has signed a contract with Overdrive to become a member of Jasmine. Implementation will begin sometime soon, but at this time no date has been set for when ebooks will be available. The library hopes to have everything ready for patrons to borrow ebooks before the end of the year.

In the meantime, anyone interested in how Jasmine works can visit its website:
www.jasmine.lib.overdrive.com



Patrons will be able to create an account to borrow digital material using their library barcode number and a pin number.

The Jasmine website offers information about which e-reader devices are supported and instructions for how to download materials. Links on the site allow browsing and searching to see what types of ebooks are in the consortium collection. Fairfield County Library will be purchasing and adding materials to the consortium collection as well.

Stay tuned for more information as the library works to make this new service available!

Three Additional Libraries to Join SC LENDS in October

The SC LENDS consortium of public libraries continues to grow!

Sixteen counties along with the South Carolina State Library are current members. Those counties are: Allendale-Hampton-Jasper Regional Library, Anderson, Beaufort, Calhoun, Chester, Chesterfield, Colleton, Dorchester, Fairfield, Florence, Kershaw, Union, Williamsburg, and York.



In October SC LENDS will welcome three more county library systems: Clarendon, Lancaster, and Lee.

The SC LENDS catalog contains over 2.5 million items available to over 700,000 users in the member libraries. During FY 2011-2012, the Fairfield County Library lent 6,076 books and borrowed 1,724 through SC LENDS.

DIRECTOR'S DESK

SARAH MCMASTER

Ebooks are coming, but...

There are some real challenges for libraries in the ebook market. Here are some excerpts from a recent open letter from Maureen Sullivan, president of the American Library Association:

"It's a rare thing in a free market when a customer is refused the ability to buy a company's product...libraries find themselves in just that position with purchasing ebooks from three of the largest publishers in the world. Simon & Schuster, Macmillan, and Penguin have been denying access to their ebooks for our nation's 112,000 libraries and roughly 169 million public library users.

Not all publishers are following the path of these three...in fact, hundreds...have embraced the opportunity to create new sales and reach readers through our nation's libraries.

Librarians understand that publishing is not just another industry. It has special and important significance to society. Libraries complement, and, in fact, actively support this industry by supporting literacy and seeking to spread an infectious and lifelong love of reading and learning. Library lending encourages patrons to experiment by sampling new authors, topics, and genres. This experimentation stimulates the market for books, with the library serving as a de facto discovery, promotion, and awareness service for authors and publishers.

Publishers, libraries, and other entities have worked together for centuries to sustain a healthy reading ecosystem—celebrating our society's access to the com-

plete marketplace of ideas.

America's libraries have always served as the 'people's university' by providing access to reading materials and educational opportunity for the millions who want to read and learn but cannot afford to buy the books they need...to deny these library users access to ebooks that are available to others—and which libraries are eager to purchase on their behalf—is discriminatory.

We librarians cannot stand by and do nothing while some publishers deepen the digital divide...we must speak out on behalf of today's—and tomorrow's—readers. The library community demands meaningful change and creative solutions that serve libraries and our readers who rightfully expect the same access to ebooks as they have to printed books."

So, yes, ebooks are coming soon to the Fairfield County Library. But not every book will be available. We will try to provide as diverse and up-to-date a collection of ebooks as possible. As you can see from the comments above, however, we do not control what is available. We will not be able to purchase some popular titles that our patrons would like. The marketplace restricts the lending of ebooks to one reader at a time, so there will be waiting lists just like there are for printed books.

Even with the limitations of the current marketplace for libraries, we look forward to offering this new service to our patrons soon...stay tuned for more information about when ebooks will actually be available!

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

Thanks, Tom!

After serving eight years as chairman of the Fairfield County Library Commission, Tom Fletcher (right) has concluded his term on the board. New board member and incoming chairman James M. "Bubba" Lyles (left), presents Tom with a certificate of appreciation. Tom has tirelessly supported technology for all SC public libraries through his position at the Division of State Information Technology (DSIT). He has also been a strong advocate for the Fairfield County Library and its programs. H. Paul Dove, Jr., has also recently been appointed to the Library Commission



From the Friends

**The Friends' Fall Meeting
Sunday, October 21, at 4:00 p.m.**

Once again perennial favorite 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, Winston Churchill, and Judah Benjamin. This year's program will be a portrayal of famous aviator **Charles A. Lindbergh**.



**October 21-27, 2012
National Friends of the Library
Week**

Just for Kids

- Come to **First Thursday Family Night Story Hours** 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 31st at 4:00 p.m. (Judging at 4:30 p.m.)
- Help trim the library's Christmas tree on Thursday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m.



BY THE NUMBERS

The Fairfield County Library's budget for FY 2012-2013 is \$625,747.00 which is allocated as follows:

Personnel \$407,914 or 65.19%
Books and other resources \$103,863 or 16.57%
Operating Expenses \$114, 150 or 18.24%

The vast majority of the library budget comes from local county tax appropriations. The library receives \$60,000 in State Aid and collects a small amount in fines and fees. Public libraries have also received allocations from the SC Education Lottery.

Thanks to you taxpayers and the County Council for supporting the library!

FAIRFIELD COUNTY LIBRARY

Main Library

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Winnsboro, South Carolina 29180
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Fax: 803 635-7715
Hours: M,Tu,W,F 9-6 Th 9-9 Sat 9-1

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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, 2012

Main Library

October 2, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour Series
October 4, 4:00 p.m. Family Night
October 9, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour Series
October 16, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour Series
October 21-27 Friends of the Library Week
October 21, 4:00 p.m. Friends Fall Meeting
October 23, 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour Series
October 30 4:00 p.m. Fall Story Hour Series
October 31, 4:30 p.m. Friends Board Meeting
October 31, 4:00 p.m. Halloween Costume Contest
November 1, 7:00 p.m. Family Night
December 6, 7:00 p.m. Trim the Tree Party

Ridgeway Branch

October 4, 11, 18, 25, 4:00 p.m.
Fall Story Hour Series
November 1, 4:00 p.m. Story Hour
December 6, 4:00 p.m. Trim the Tree Party



*The Library Will Be Closed
Thursday, November 22nd & 23rd
for Thanksgiving
and
December 24th-26th
for
Christmas
and
January 1st for New Year's Day*