

Summer 2010 Among Friends

Florence County Library System Friends of Florence County Library Newsletter

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Summer Reading Program 2010

Various programs, authors, artists, movies, books, crafts, and shows all make up Summer Reading 2010. This summer of fun can be enjoyed by children, teens, and adults alike.

This summer, children can **"Make a Splash - READ!"**

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Area teens are ready to **"Make Waves @ the Library."**

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Our adult patrons will enjoy a summer of **"Arts and Authors."**

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Three Recent SC Celebrity Read Poster Additions

From Left to Right:

- Batt Humphreys
- Mac Arnold
- John Thompson



LYRASIS 2010 Excellence Award

Ray McBride, Director of Florence County Library System, Florence, SC has been named recipient of the LYRASIS Excellence Award. As the nation's largest regional membership organization serving libraries and information professionals, LYRASIS annually honors one individual who has made a significant and exceptional contribution in areas central to a vision of strengthening libraries through collaboration, creative solutions, and leadership. Ray McBride was cited for outstanding statewide leadership, including his role in the formation of the South Carolina Library Evergreen Network Delivery System (SC LENDS).



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Summer Arts and Authors Series

Sponsored by Friends of Florence County Library.
Call (843) 413-7074 for more information/registration.

Art with Alex Palkovich

June 24 @ 10:00 A.M.

The local sculptor will talk about his life and work, including elements of sculptural technique. He has received numerous awards and exhibited around the world. His work is in private and public collections around the world. **No registration is required.**

Author: Carl Naylor

June 24 @ 6:30 P.M.

This journalist and maritime archeologist will discuss his new book. Hear his account of serving as the diving officer for the excavation of the Confederate submarine H. L. Hunley. He also shares accounts of the events, people and background he encountered during his investigations. **No registration is required.**

Movie: Julie & Julia

July 1 @ 6:00 P.M.

This account of Julia Child's start in cooking is intertwined with Julie Powell's challenge to cook all the recipes in Child's first book. **No registration is required.**

Movie: Becoming Jane

July 8 @ 10:00 A.M.

Winner of a People's Choice Award for Favorite Independent Film tells the story of a pre-fame Jane Austen and her romance with a young Irishman. Rated PG. 120 minutes. **No registration is required.**

Author: Vicki Suggs

July 8 @ 6:30 P.M.

Florence's first female firefighter and current battalion chief, talks about *Florence Fire Department Since 1800's*, which includes the formation of the Florence Fire Department and an account of the fire of 1899 that devastated Florence. **No registration is required.**

Author: Cathy Elliot

July 15 @ 6:30 P.M.

Darlington News and Press Editor and former PR manager at the Darlington Raceway talks about her new book *Chicken Soup for the Soul – NASCAR*, offering behind-the-scenes accounts of the personalities and events of this popular sport. **No registration is required.**

Stephen Guyton: Beginning Drawing Workshop

July 22 @ 10:00 A.M.

He is a local artist with works in collections nationwide, and he will demonstrate the basics of pencil and paper drawing and its importance as a preliminary step to watercolor painting. **Admission is free but Registration is Required. Call (843) 413-7074 to register.**

Be sure to mark your calendars for:

Generations in the Workplace Sep. 16 @ 6:30 P.M.
There needs to be an 'I' in TEAM Oct. 21 @ 6:30 P.M.
Get What is Important Done Nov. 18 @ 6:30 P.M.

Book Club

The Florence County Library Book Club will begin exploring award-winning works.



June 17

C. J. Box

Blue Heaven

August 19

Alice Sebold

The Lovely Bones



July 15: Open Book Discussion of Award-winning works

All Book Club meetings will be held in the Library's Board Room at 1:00 p.m. For more information, contact Elizabeth at 413-7081.

Free Computer Training Classes

Free Computer Workshops will take place in the Dunlap-Hopkins Technology Training Room. Each workshop is approximately 90 minutes long. **NOTE: Each session is a complete workshop, and is not part of a series.** Registration is required. The workshops are made possible through a partnership with the Pee Dee Workforce Investment Board and are sponsored by the Friends of Florence County Library.

Check our web site for dates and times.

Publisher Basics

Tuesday @ 10:00 A.M. 06/22

Wednesday @ 2:00 P.M. 07/28

Computer Basics: The Mouse

Tuesday @ 10:00 A.M. 07/06

Computer Basics: The Keyboard

Tuesday @ 10:00 A.M. 07/13

Word Basics

Monday @ 6:30 P.M. 07/19

Internet Basics

Wednesday @ 2:00 P.M. 07/21

Excel Basics

Monday @ 6:30 P.M. 07/26

Job Resources @ Your Library

The Florence County Library System has a partnership with the Pee Dee Workforce Investment Board. Because of this, the Library is offering computer and resume workshops, typing tutorial software, high speed Internet PCs and wireless connectivity in the library for job searching online, access to the Learning Express Library database for practice tests and skill building, and a knowledgeable staff ready to assist patrons with their job searching and career building needs. The Friends of Florence County Library are supporting this effort by providing the WinWay software program used in the resume workshops.

Tour Brochure Highlights Cultural and Historic Sites in the City of Florence

Thanks to a generous grant from the Florence Convention and Visitors Bureau and the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, a map highlighting cultural and historical points in the city of Florence, will be available for residents and visitors.

The staff of the E. N. Zeigler South Carolina Room identified sites within the city of Florence to be included in the brochure. Space limitations allowed only twenty-four sites to be included.

The brochure was developed and designed by Florence County Library System staff. The map will be available at all Florence County Library branches, the Convention and Visitors Bureau, and other locations throughout Florence County.

Sites highlighted on the map include:

- Florence Museum
- Henry Timrod Schoolhouse at Timrod Park
- Mount Hope Cemetery
- McClenaghan High School
- Florence Little Theatre
- Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation Library
- Poynor School
- The Railroad Museum
- Palles house now known as the Hamilton House
- Oglesby house
- St. John's Episcopal Church
- FMU Performing Arts Center
- Central United Methodist Church
- Art Trail Gallery
- Cumberland United Methodist Church
- Dr. F. H. McLeod house
- old Post Office
- Levy house
- Trinity Baptist Church
- old Florence library
- former Seaboard depot
- Atlantic Coast Line Railroad depot
- Florence National Cemetery
- the Stockade.



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For what they do each day to make our library a wonderful learning experience
Ray McBride and the Florence County Library Staff

Allegro Literary Club
For hosting our Book Club Brunch with author Batt Humphreys. Special thanks to Eleanor Carson, Rett Padgett, Mary Jane Holland, Bunny Johnston, Harriette Swearingen and Boo Love for the refreshments and decorations.

Emily McLean, Linda Gremillion, and Beverly Hiller
For providing refreshments for the launch of the new N.B. and Margaret Baroody book.

FOFCL Board members
You not only meet to discuss the needs of the library, but also provide "hands on" help at most events and programs
Bob Youngblood, Beverly Hiller, Bill Bradham, Susann Ervin, Dewey Ervin, Charisse Reichenbach, Hubert Setzler
Laura Sims and Barry Wingard

Thank you to everyone who has donated books for our Friends Book Nook. This will be a challenging year for the library because of budget cuts. Please consider donating books published in 2009-2010. If you would like to donate a new book on the Library's needs list, you can contact Margaret Cox at 413-7084 or mcox@florencelibrary.org for titles.

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2nd Quarter Renewal Members
We had 83 membership renewals

2nd Quarter New Members
Virginia Swaggard, Katie Daniels, Ken and Kristin Lowry, Hal and Melanie Campbell, John and Ashley Scott

Your membership helps provide free access to education, culture, self-help and lifelong learning opportunities, regardless of age, income, neighborhood or employment.

SAVE THE DATE

October 26, 2010

Doctors Bruce and Lee
Foundation Library

BIG EVENT - Books and Broil
STAY TUNED!



The world of water and water fun will come together as the Florence County Library System marks Summer Reading 2010.

“**Make a Splash - READ!**” seeks to discover the world of water through oceans, rivers, lakes, pools and the creatures that live there. Summer Reading is open to young people from preschool to young adult and features weekly programs, prize drawings, storytimes, a reading club and more. Summer Reading is funded by the Florence County Library System, Friends of Florence County Library, First Federal and Roche Carolina. Through their efforts, programming designed to educate, entertain and inspire children will be held system-wide in keeping with the library system’s mission to promote literacy in Florence County.

**Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation Library
509 S. Dargan St - Florence, SC
29506**

Special Summer Programming will be held on Wednesdays @ 3:00 pm in the Stukes Meeting Room

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| June..... | 23 | Porkchop Prod.: The Frog Prince |
| | 30 | World’s Rhythm Pool |
| July..... | 7 | MOVIE |
| | 14 | Lee Bryan (That Puppet Guy) |
| | 21 | Magician: Fish the Magish |

We also offer storytimes for children of various ages. Registration is required and runs May 1st to 30th. For more information, call (843) 292-7382 or register by email at kids@florencelibrary.org.

MONDAYS

Monday Family Storytime (Ages 2-5) @ 7:00 pm

TUESDAYS

Toddler Storytime (Ages 2 only) @ 9:30 am
Preschool Storytime (Ages 3-5) @ 10:30 am

THURSDAYS

Baby Storytimes (Ages 0-23 Months)
Pre-Walkers: @ 10:00 am
Walkers: @ 11:00 am

Each week during the summer, a theme is selected. Books, songs and fingerplays are highlighted around the theme.

Sunday Family Movies air Sundays @ 2:30 pm in the Privette Children’s Program Room. All movies are free of charge. For more information, contact Children’s Services at (843) 292-7382.

**Lake City Public Library
221 E. Main St - Lake City SC 29560**

Special Summer Programming will be held at the Lake City Public Library on Wednesdays @ 11:30 a.m. in the Public Meeting Room. For more information, call (843) 394-8071.

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| July..... | 7 | MOVIE |
| | 14 | Lee Bryan (That Puppet Guy) |
| | 21 | Magician: Fish the Magish |

The Lake City Public Library will offer Preschool Storytimes on Wednesdays @ 9:30 am in the meeting room. Registration is required.

**Dozier M. Munn Pamplico Public Library
180 Main Street - Pamplico, SC 29583**

Special Summer Programming will be held at the Pamplico Public Library on Tuesdays @ 3:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room. For more information, call (843) 493-4287.

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| June..... | 22 | Porkchop Prod.: The Frog Prince |
| | 29 | World’s Rhythm Pool |
| July..... | 6 | NO PROGRAM |
| | 13 | Lee Bryan (That Puppet Guy) |
| | 20 | Magician: Fish the Magish |

**Johnsonville Elementary School
160 E. Marion Street - Johnsonville SC 29555**

Special Summer Programming will be held at the Johnsonville Elementary School on Tuesdays @ 11:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. For more information, call (843) 386-2052.

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| June..... | 22 | Porkchop Prod.: The Frog Prince |
| | 29 | World’s Rhythm Pool |
| July..... | 6 | NO PROGRAM |
| | 13 | Lee Bryan (That Puppet Guy) |
| | 20 | Magician: Fish the Magish |

**John M. Thomason Public Library
210 East Hampton St - Olanta SC 29114**

Special Summer Programming will be held at the John M Thomason Public Library on Mondays @ 11:30 a.m. in the Public Meeting Room. For more information, call (843) 396-4287.

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| June..... | 21 | Porkchop Prod.: The Frog Prince |
| | 28 | World’s Rhythm Pool |
| July..... | 5 | NO PROGRAM |
| | 12 | Lee Bryan (That Puppet Guy) |
| | 19 | Magician: Fish the Magish |

**Baker Memorial Public Library
298 West Smith St. - Timmons ville, SC 29161**

Special Summer Programming will be held at the Baker Memorial Public Library in the Public Meeting Room Mondays @ 3:00 p.m. For more information, call (843) 346-2941.

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| June..... | 21 | Porkchop Prod.: The Frog Prince |
| | 28 | World’s Rhythm Pool |
| July..... | 5 | NO PROGRAM |
| | 12 | Lee Bryan (That Puppet Guy) |
| | 19 | Magician: Fish the Magish |



Florence County Library to Make Waves

Area teens will have the opportunity to "Make Waves @ the Library" this summer with the Teen Summer Reading Program. Teens are invited to the library for a variety of free, fun and informative programs, plus a summer reading program with the chance to win prizes and take part in a special end-of-summer celebration. Teen Summer Reading is funded by the Florence County Library System, Friends of Florence County Library, First Federal and Roche Carolina.

Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation Library 509 S. Dargan St - Florence, SC 29506

Teen Programs will be held each Thursday at 3:30 pm in the Stukes Meeting Room. For more information, call (843) 292-7382 or email Teen Services at teens@florencelibrary.org.

- June..... 24 Craft: Marble Paper Journal
- July..... 1 Make Waves of Sound
- 8 MOVIE
- 15 Sand Art
- 22 Pizza Party - By Invitation Only

Additional teen programming includes Teen Movie Tuesdays @ 2:00 pm in the Stukes Meeting Room from June 15 – July 20.

Lake City Public Library 221 E. Main St - Lake City SC 29560

Teen Programs will be held each Thursday at 12:00 pm in the Public Meeting Room. For more information, call (843) 394-8071.

- June..... 24 Craft: Marble Paper Journal
- July..... 1 Make Waves of Sound
- 8 MOVIE
- 15 Sand Art
- 22 Pizza Party - By Invitation Only



Sunday Family Movies air Sundays @ 2:30 pm in the Privette Children's Program Room. All movies are free of charge. For more information, contact Children's Services at (843) 292-7382.

Upcoming movie dates are:

June 20 June 27 July 11 July 18 July 25



Teen Movies air Tuesdays @ 2:00 pm (unless specified otherwise) in the Stukes Meeting Room. All movies are free of charge. For more information, contact Julie at (843) 413-7083.

Upcoming movie dates are:

June 22 Jun 29 July 6 July 8* July 13 July 20
* The Thursday, July 8th movie will air at 3:30 pm.

Great Gift Idea

FoFCL Library Book Endowment

Friends of Florence County Library Book Endowment is a way to help purchase books that would be a gift in memory/honor of loved ones and friends. You may select a genre or special area of interest for the chosen book to be circulated. All will be decorated with a bookplate that states the name of the donor as well as the recipient.

Because of the current economic climate, we will be offering a Book Endowment discount at \$50.00 for 2010.

See "Friends of FCL" at www.florencelibrary.org and click on "Book Endowment," contact Mary Wiser @ (843) 413-7065 / mwiser@florencelibrary.org, or cut and fill out the form below to contribute.

Please complete the following information:

I would like to have a bookplate placed in: Memory of Honor of

Recipient's name: _____

Please send notification of the gift to: _____

Address: _____

Include my name as donor on the bookplate: Yes No

Donor name(s): _____

Donor address: _____

Donor daytime telephone: _____

Gifts of \$50 per bookplate can be made by either check or credit card payable to:

Friends of Florence County Library

Please charge my: VISA MASTERCARD

Name on card: _____

Card number: _____

Expiration date: _____ Month _____ Year

Signature: _____

Please mail this form along with payment to:

Friends of Florence County Library
509 South Dargan Street
Florence, South Carolina 29506
Friends: 843-413-7065
Development Office: 843-413-7064

Please send me information about Friends Membership _____

Please contact me regarding other donor opportunities _____

Following are books that have been given to the Book Endowment since 2006:

Inside Alzheimers	New Complete Guide to Sewing
Me Hungry!	A Darker Domain
Hangman Blind	A Home for Dixie
The Rembrandt Book	The Silent Man
North Carolina Gazetteer	Giant Pandas
Nothing Was the Same	Hooray for Inventors!
Civil War in NC	Lewis and Clark: Across the Divide
I Rode With Stonewall	Pearl Harbor
Duck at the Door	The Art Book for Children
Juan Rulfo's Mexico	French Villages
The World of Edward Gorey	Hopper's Places
The Traveler	The Cleaner
The Lost Continent	Marsh Madness
Voices from the Mountains	A New World
Rise and Fall of Ancient Rome	Matisse: From Color to Architecture
The Burning Plain, and Other Stories	Stonewall Jackson at Cedar Mountain
The New Complete Book of Bridge	Straight Talk about God's Deliverance
Memoirs of Lt. Henry Timberlake	Edward Hopper: An Intimate Biography

Books in the Book Endowment program total 53.

Come Celebrate Veterans Day
Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010 @ 6:30 PM
 Guest Speaker: Larry A. Grant, editor of
Caissons Go Rolling Along: A Memoir of
America in Post-World War I Germany
 by Major General Johnson Hagood



Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation Library
 Stukes Meeting Room
 Free and Open to the Public



Larry A. Grant

A previously unpublished memoir, now titled *Caissons Go Rolling Along: A Memoir of America in Post-World War I Germany* by Major General Johnson Hagood, has been edited by Larry A. Grant and will be released in September 2010. The book chronicles Hagood's time spent in occupied Germany recalling the challenges of rebuilding a fallen nation.

Hagood was one of South Carolina's most distinguished

Army officers of the twentieth century. A scholar of military science, an engineer, and trained lawyer, he was also a noted expert in logistics while serving as chief of staff of Services and Supply in World War I Europe. Taken from Hagood's wartime journal, *Caissons Go Rolling Along* describes his artillery brigade's march into Germany in 1918 and the wartime devastation. He states his impressions of the defeated enemy and occupied territories while touring recent battlefields in the company of commanders who fought there. Written in a conversational style, the narrative focuses principally on the Major General's time in command of the 66th

Field Artillery Brigade following the armistice. This brigade was attached to the American Third Army, which later became the American occupation force in the Rhineland. On a tour of French, British and American battlefields, he composed a record of the devastation of the French countryside, the contrasting lack of suffering found in Germany, and some predictions for the future.



Major Gen. Johnson Hagood

Grant is a retired U.S. Navy officer who specialized in logistics, strategy, and management. His last tour in the Navy was as staff planner in Belgium for NATO's military commander, a post that offered him an exceptional opportunity to visit some of the European battlefields. Now Grant works with The Citadel Oral History Program where he has edited interviews of World War II and Korean War veterans. A historical researcher and freelance writer, Grant lives in Charleston with wife Coralee and their cat, Mia.



Theodore Roosevelt That Panama Canal Business

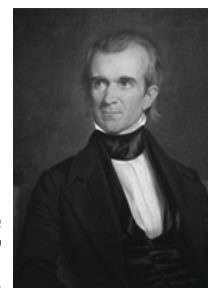
September 23, 2010

Theodore Roosevelt, elevated to the presidency by the assassination of President McKinley, moved to conclude a lingering controversy about transoceanic travel. Since the gold rush of the 1840s and 1850s, there had been talk of a canal through the narrows of the western hemisphere land mass. Complications and anxieties during the 1898 Spanish-American War had exacerbated matters. President Roosevelt, still new to the presidency, initiated talks, hoping to clear the way for a canal to be built by the United States itself. Understandings were necessary with France, Great Britain, and Colombia. The issue grew quite complicated before construction began; it grew contentious as work progressed. Though the Panama Canal was regarded by many as the foremost engineering and construction feat yet accomplished, the international problems lingered even after the 'big ditch' was completed.

James K. Polk Why We Fought the Mexican War

October 5, 2010

James Polk, the 'first dark horse candidate to become president,' became Chief Executive in March 1845 after a surprise nomination and election. Among the 1844 campaign issues were the annexation of Texas despite opposition from Mexico and the settlement of a dispute with Great Britain over Oregon. When dealing with two issues simultaneously proved too much, Polk and his administration settled the Oregon dispute through compromise. The other issue was more explosive since Mexico claimed Texas to be a rebellious province, not an independent republic. President Polk opted for the battlefield rather than diplomacy. A bitter debate erupted throughout the nation over the fundamental cause of the resulting conflict and the morality of the war itself. Once the war was in progress, the president had to decide which general should be put in a position to gain victory and enough fame to win the presidency in 1848.



highlighting points of cultural and historical interest in the city of Florence. Twenty-four sites have been identified and photographed with brief descriptions written about each site. Thanks to a grant from the Florence Convention and Visitors Bureau and South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism, these maps will be printed and available soon. See Page 3 **"Tour Brochure Highlights..."** for more information.

A model of Mark Twain's study now graces the South Carolina Room. The study was built for Samuel Clemens by his sister so that he could smoke cigars while writing. The study can be found at Elmira College in New York State.

The model in the S.C. Room was constructed by Mr. Carl Raatz, who spent 336 hours in building it. The scale is 1 inch to 1 foot. Mr. Raatz also supplied the photographs of the actual study on display with the model. Our thanks to Mr. Raatz for loaning this model and its accompanying photographs now displayed in the E. N. Zeigler South Carolina Room.

Over one hundred college and high school yearbooks were donated to the S. C. Room by Wilson High School and West Florence High School. We still desperately need yearbooks from Wilson High School and South Florence High School.

South Carolina Room Manager Bill McRee recently reviewed *Northern Money, Southern Land* for the *Southeastern Librarian*.



Please help us welcome the new Johnsonville Public Library. Grand opening to the public for the new library is Monday, June 28.

Staff of the new library includes:

- Donna Gaye Tanner (Branch Manager)
- Cheryl Smith (Asst. Branch Manager)
- Angelique Lupotsky
- Rollet Dunmore

The newest member of the Florence County Library System is located at 242 South Georgetown Highway, Johnsonville.



LYRASILS 2010 Excellence Award

In the past 36 months McBride has managed the construction of three new branch libraries and was selected as South Carolina's Outstanding Librarian for 2009 by the South Carolina Library Association. He is active in Florence Rotary Club, is a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow, and a member of the Florence Veterans Park Committee. Ray serves as a member of Florence County Complete Count Committee (2010), Community School Advisory Committee, SC Association of Counties County Government and Intergovernmental Relations Steering Committee, Advisor to the School District 1 Gala Committee and Co-Chair of the Pee Dee Blues Bash.

The LYRASILS Excellence award will be presented to Ray McBride at the American Library Association 2010 Annual Conference in Washington, DC. He will receive a \$2500 award and a one-year free membership to Lyrasis for Florence County Library System.

Grandfamily Time

The Florence County Library System and the Leatherman Senior Center are teaming up for a Grandfamily Storytime at the Leatherman Senior Center on Friday, June 25, 2010 at 10:30 A.M. This special program is geared especially for grandparents and their grandchildren ages 2-6. The center is located at 600 Senior Way in Florence.

The Florence County Library System, in keeping with its mission to promote literacy at every opportunity to the citizens of Florence County, has been awarded a GrandFamily Resource Grant from the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The focus of the grant is to target grandparents and their grandchildren through books and other materials. The Headquarters library will have a grandparent resource center, a designated area within the Greenberg Children's Library that will be set aside for grandparents and grandchildren to enjoy. In addition to the resource center, the Florence County Library has planned additional Grandfamily Storytimes at their Headquarters Library for grandparents and their grandchildren ages 2-6.

Programs are scheduled every Saturday @ 3:30 P.M. from June 19 to August 21. **No program on Saturday, July 3.**

For more information about this and other programs, please contact Children's Services at 292.7382 or visit www.florencelibrary.org.

Friends of Florence County Library
509 S. Dargan Street
Florence, SC 29506

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June 18, 2010

Friends of the Florence Library

Dear Friends,

I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you for your support in overriding the Governor's veto of State Aid to public libraries in South Carolina. Because of your letters, email and phone calls to our legislators we had overwhelming success in this effort. The vote in the House of Representatives was 110/5 and in the Senate 41/3.

Without state aid to public libraries, many of the smaller library systems would have had to close their doors for good, many more would have had to curtail hours and lay off staff and our library system would have had to cancel subscriptions to databases, magazines, leased books, audio-books and would have had to severely cut back on the purchases of new books in the coming year.

Your continued support in the coming months will be critical as we weather the recession and continue to provide valuable services to our community.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,
Ray McBride
Director

Florence County Library System

Doctors Bruce & Lee Foundation Library

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Florence, SC 29506
(843) 662-8424

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Johnsonville, SC 29555
(843) 386-2052

Lake City Library
221 East Main St
Lake City, SC 29560
(843) 394-8071

Olanta Library
210 East Hampton St
Olanta, SC 29114
(843) 396-4287

Pamplico Library
100 East Main Street
Pamplico, SC 29583
(843) 493-5441

Timmonsville Library
298 West Smith St
Timmonsville, SC 29161
(843) 346-2941