



2019

South Carolina State Library



Mission

We serve the people of South Carolina by supporting state government and libraries to provide opportunities for learning in a changing environment.

Vision

The South Carolina State Library develops, supports, and sustains a thriving statewide community of learners committed to making South Carolina stronger.

State Mandates

The South Carolina State Library:

- ❖ Shall provide library research services to the General Assembly, state officers and agencies, and state government employees.
- ❖ Shall provide advice and assistance to public libraries, library boards, and county governments in matters concerning the establishment, support, operation, improvement, and coordination of library services.
- ❖ Shall administer state and federal grants to public libraries; determine eligibility for grants.
- ❖ Shall render encouragement, advice, and assistance for the establishment, operation, and coordination of libraries of state institutions.
- ❖ Shall provide library service to the blind and physically handicapped readers.
- ❖ Shall promote cooperation among governmental bodies and libraries for the sharing of resources.
- ❖ Shall plan, develop, and operate a statewide library network.

*South Carolina Code of Law, Title 60 - Libraries, Archives, Museums and Arts, Chapter 1, Sections 60.1.10-60.1-140 (1962, 1969, 1985, 2012).



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Strategic Direction 1 - Relationships

The South Carolina State Library sustains and enhances its relationships with partners and those we serve. Collaboration with partner organizations is central to the way that our agency does business. We have several ongoing partnerships with organizations. A few highlighted programs from this past year include:

- ❖ The focus of our **SC Plants the Seed** project is to promote literacy, increase awareness about locally farmed foods, and to provide lower income families with healthier food choices. We partnered with the **Department of Social Services, Department of Health and Environmental Control, local farmers, and public libraries** to provide training on nutritional foods and free children's books to all attendees. Participants who spent \$5 in Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (**SNAP**) benefits, received \$10 worth of SNAP Healthy Bucks to purchase produce from the approved Healthy Bucks farmers. DHEC was onsite with samples of healthy food choices, which encouraged participants to taste recipes with made with locally grown produce.



- ❖ Through our partnership with **SCETV**, we offer the **Magic School Bus** collection using Learn360 via **Discus** - South Carolina's Virtual Library. The Magic School Bus is a well-loved and trusted resource for teachers, students, and families, which aids in the exploration of science leading to a deeper understanding and interest in science.
- ❖ The State Library leads the efforts of the Literacy 2030 initiative with many partners who continue to develop community partnerships, align services, advocate for increased literacy, and build capacity to move the literacy rate in South Carolina towards 100 percent. This partnership is designed to support libraries in becoming a convening voice in the state around literacy. Information, resources, and support are provided to libraries to serve as community anchors related to four types of literacy: early literacy, grade-level literacy, teen literacy, and adult and digital literacy. Community collaboration with educational partners such as schools, early childhood centers, non-profit organizations, SC First Steps to School Readiness, Head Start, and the Research, Evaluation, and Measurement (REM) Center at the College of Education at University of South Carolina are working together to improve literacy outcomes. The State Library distributed almost 30,000 literacy materials to childcare centers, libraries, schools, and organizations this year.



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- ❖ We partner with the **South Carolina Human Affairs Commission** on harassment and discrimination in the workplace by hosting onsite trainings at the State Library. The presentation explains anti-discrimination law; the process of complaint investigation and mediation; workplace harassment; reasonable accommodation; and lawful interviewing practices.



- ❖ The State Library founded the **South Carolina Government Social Media Idea Exchange** group for those in local, state, and federal government who are currently using or interested in using social media tools to promote and market services and events to the residents of South Carolina. The group has quarterly meetings, and boasts representatives from 30 state and local government agencies.

Strategic Direction 2 – Strong Technological Environment

The South Carolina State Library implements and promotes a strong technological environment statewide. The overarching direction of the governing mandates for the State Library is to provide equal access to information. A strong technological environment is necessary to providing access to resources.

- ❖ **Discus** – South Carolina’s Virtual Library, is available 24/7 from home, school, public library, or on a mobile device. This collection of more than 50 subscription databases is used by K-12 schools, public libraries, students, families, and job seekers. Users have access to scholarly information at their fingertips.

- ❖ The Discus collection had over 17 million retrievals of online books, academic journals, primary sources, videos, and more, this fiscal year. Teachers love Discus because of the lesson plans available and the reliability of information that students are able to access.



Discus

- ❖ BrainPOP Jr. and Explora for Elementary Schools, enrich and support the learning environment with interactive content that engages students, supports educators, and strengthens student achievement by providing an introduction to topics relevant to younger grade levels.
- ❖ The South Carolina State Library negotiates contracts for Discus which saves the state over \$54 million in cost avoidance each year.
- ❖ Technical schools are high volume users of Discus due to the wealth of relevant information available.
- ❖ **TumbleBooks Library** is a collection of more than 1,400 read-aloud storybooks, chapter books, graphic novels, songs, and National Geographic videos for kindergarten through 6th grade. TumbleBooks was accessed over one million times this year.



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❖ We are thrilled to introduce a new resource with Katie, a certified therapy dog. Katie will travel to libraries and schools statewide to help promote the Tail Waggin' Tutors read to dogs program. It has been found that children who read to animals have higher improvement scores than those who read to adults or other children.

- ❖ **StudySC** (studysc.org) is an online resource created and provided by the State Library that provides online content to support South Carolina specific curriculum standards. This fiscal year StudySC had 212,466 page views. StudySC is an essential tool for educators and students when learning about our state history.
- ❖ We received \$166,563 in funding from the K-12 Technology Committee for our **Learning Express Library**. It is a premier database for elementary school through college and adults seeking new skills or careers. Learning Express offers: skill building resources for classroom and homework success, high school equivalency center, college admission test preparation for exams like the ACT, SAT, AP tests. Adult core skill building, computer skills center, career preparation assists users advance at school, work, and life.
- ❖ The State Library participated as a partner in a pilot program in support of **Proviso 1A.86 – Digital Learning Plan**, with five selected school districts to test the use of online or virtual instruction for school make-up days. The five selected school districts were:
 - ❖ Anderson 5
 - ❖ Kershaw
 - ❖ Pickens
 - ❖ Spartanburg 1
 - ❖ Spartanburg 7

The State Library provided information and assistance to the Digital Learning Plan partners, school district staff, teachers, and media specialists through webinars, onsite training, and eLearning screencasts. We also integrated Learn360 into the Learning Management System (LMS) used in districts.



❖ The State Library received \$150,000 in funding from the K-12 Technology Committee for our **Homework Help Centers Pilot Program**. The purpose of the program is to expand internet connectivity for students to complete school assignments and participate in afterschool homework assistance at the public library. Many schools have a 1:1 student to device ratio. Many students do not have access to the internet at home because of cost or availability in rural areas. We selected libraries that serve rural and socioeconomically challenged areas of the state for initial participation in the program. Ten public libraries are participating in the pilot, which began in August 2018:

Public Library	Kajeet Portable Devices from the State Library	Amount of Grant	Grant Purchases
Beaufort	20	N/A	10 Chromebooks to circulate
Charleston	0	\$21,000	11 Chromebooks to circulate; additional MiFi devices
Clarendon	10	\$11,000	2 laptops; projector & sound system for training & programs; online tutoring software
Colleton	10	\$10,000	10 Chromebooks; AWE Early Literacy Station; Tutor.com homework help service
Dillon	10	\$20,000	Additional MiFi devices and data service; AWE Early Literacy Station; tutoring staff; books and materials
Florence	0	\$14,400	10 Chromebooks to circulate
Georgetown	25	\$14,650	Microsoft and Google productivity software; 14 Chromebooks; 23 additional MiFi devices; flash drives
Horry	60	\$13,000	60 Additional MiFi devices; tutoring staff; Cyber Safety subscription
Orangeburg	50	N/A	33 additional MiFi's; 15 laptops and wireless printer
Union	10	\$11,506	Tutor.com homework help service; books and materials; STEM maker space supplies



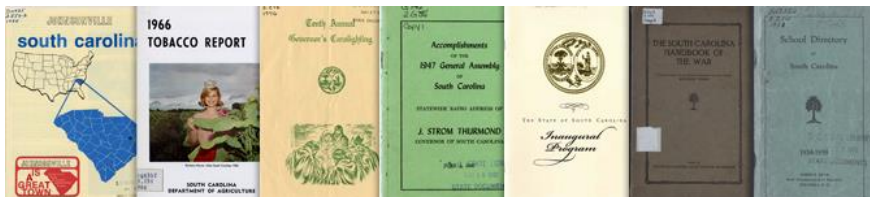
Strategic Direction 3 – Equitable Access

The South Carolina State Library provides equitable access to information. Our primary guiding principle is equal access to information, which leads to a desire for lifelong learning. We consistently strive to serve all community members regardless of physical or developmental abilities. Equal access to information creates opportunity for South Carolinians and leads to stronger success factors educationally, professionally, and economically. Discus provides equal access to information to meet the educational needs of our teachers and students.



❖ All public libraries participate in the statewide **Summer Reading Program**. Last year the State Library helped coordinate summer reading programs around the state that reached over 170,856 participants, during the months of June and July. The State Library vigorously supports programs designed to combat the “summer reading slide” identified in school-age children who are in danger of falling behind in reading skills over summer months.

❖ As the South Carolina state government **document depository**, the State Library is charged with keeping the documents for the state and making those documents accessible to everyone. We receive documents and publications created by state agencies including books, maps, images and publications. Our goal is to preserve those items, and to make them available for use. Physical copies are available at the State Library, but we digitize those items so that they are available online for all. We currently have 24,721 state document items available online through the SC State Documents Depository (dc.statelibrary.sc.gov). This year the collection had 194,788 page views.



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- ❖ The **Talking Book Services** program is a staple service which serves patrons who are unable to hold a book in a traditional manner due to blindness, a visual disability, or a physical limitation. We provide telephone assistance to an average of 60 users each day for a total of 13,823 calls. Last year we provided 211,678 items (digital books, large print books, DVDs) to 6,000 patrons. We have 216,402 items in the Talking Book Services collection. We also have a recording booth on site, last year we recorded 19 new books, for a total of 1,591 hours.



- ❖ The State Library had **10,139 visitors to 65 events**, workshops, and presentations. We added 1,045 new State Library card holders. Special programming encourages library engagement and cultural awareness. Programming focuses on the whole community with meaningful subjects that reach across a diverse group of topics. We held several special programs this year; two highlighted programs are:



- ❖ The **Quilts of Valor** program honored veterans with handmade Quilts of Valor to show appreciation for their service. In partnership with the S.C. Chapter of the Quilts of Valor Foundation; we hosted a rotating exhibit of handmade quilts created by hundreds of volunteers from the South Carolina chapter. Veterans receive these lifetime awards in recognition of their service, sacrifice, and valor.

- ❖ In support of **Blindness Awareness Month**, we hosted Michael Hingson for an author talk. Hingson, who is blind escaped the 9/11 attack of the World Trade Center by walking down 78 flights of stairs with the assistance of his guide dog, Roselle.
- ❖ Cherokee County joined the **SCLENDS** (South Carolina Library Evergreen Network Delivery System) consortia this year, which brings the total to 20 participating counties. SCLENDS gives patrons in 20 counties across the state access to over 3.5 million items in a shared catalog system. SCLENDS provides approximately 1.5 million residents with equal access to books, audio, and video materials. The State Library provides technical support and cataloging assistance to member libraries. Last year, over 3.3 million SCLENDS items were borrowed through a cost-effective statewide delivery service.

Strategic Direction 4 – Standards and Guidance

The State Library creates standards and provides guidance for excellence in library services.

South Carolina has **203 public libraries**, and **35 bookmobiles** around the state. Public libraries are vital to healthy, resilient communities. Citizens depend on their public libraries during times of emergencies, disasters, and for their everyday needs. Libraries have a proven record of transforming educational results through programming including STEM activities. They are safe spaces for everyone and cultivate healthy, viable communities that support industry, individuals, and families. The State Library’s role is to support public libraries and communities through consulting, education and training, and supplemental funding.

- ❖ The State Library provided **44 training opportunities to 900** attendees, onsite and via online webinars. Consultation and training topics provided to public library staff include strategic planning, financial management, collection development, board education, library standards and statistics, and other operational information. Consultants also provide support on relevant topics such as: family literacy, small business outreach, youth services, technology and continuing education, which have become standard library services.



- ❖ Our **information technology** department provides onsite technology infrastructure assistance to public libraries in South Carolina. During the last fiscal year, assistance to public libraries ranged from assessment, recommendations of equipment, procurement of technology and direct implementation of technology infrastructure to include network switches and firewalls. Direct technology assistance was provided to **22** different public library systems. Our Information Technology Director collaborated with the Division of Technology to deploy the Cisco Umbrella, a web-based internet security platform purchased by the state.



- ❖ The State Library acts as a fiscal agent for state funds appropriated for aid to public libraries. In **2007, State Aid was at \$2.25 per capita** but it quickly declined during the recession to 78 cents. State Aid is currently at **\$1.75 per capita**, with a goal of bringing funding back to pre-recession era funding because libraries need it to continue their work. Libraries **support** individual and community **growth** and provide undeniable **resources**.



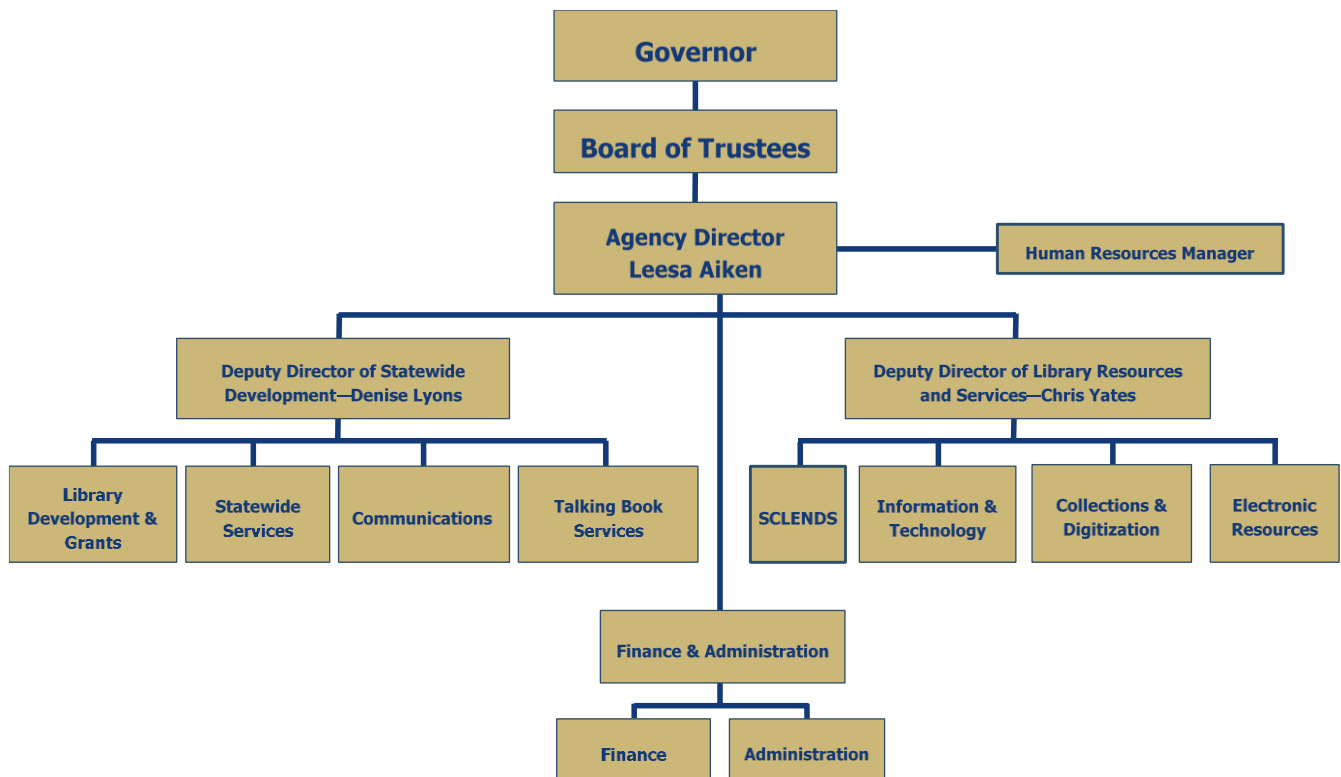
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- ❖ The State Library receives a federal grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The State Library provides **direct programming** to public libraries through pilot programs and competitive subgrants. Every public library in South Carolina is eligible for funds for programs and projects that meet local needs that benefit and strengthen communities, master’s level library school tuition, and conference attendance. State and federal funding reinforce staffing, collections, and resources, ensuring libraries maintain the institutional capacity to meet residents’ needs. Examples of subgrants given to public libraries include:
 - ❖ **York County** received \$50,000 for a bookmobile. York County Library has been providing bookmobile and outreach services since 1990, with 36,000 visitors per year.
 - ❖ **Georgetown County** received \$36,000 for their 50th anniversary of the moon landing celebration. Funds went to "Moonrise: Exploring New Phases of Innovation" program, which celebrates science. The project will help to remedy scientific illiteracy through six approaches: (1) Intergenerational LEGO Robotics Space Events, (2) Science and Technology Activities for inmates, (3) English as a Second Language Science and Technology Tutoring Interactions, (4) Assistive Technology Demos to Help Visually Challenged to Access Science and Technology Resources, (5) Virtual Reality Outer Space Road Show, and (6) Space Science Programs with 3D Printer Activities.
 - ❖ **Darlington County** received \$ 10,410 for their “Imagine the Possibilities as a 3D Designer!” project designed to inspire teens, homeschoolers, adults, and the business community to become creators of useful and artistic 3D objects so that they may enrich their lives, their business, and their community.
 - ❖ **Greenville County** received \$8,650 for their program titled “G Suite Learning Circles”. The learning circle combines online learning with facilitated, in person meetings led by library staff, who hold offsite technology skills trainings for underserved adults who are unemployed or who have low income. The goal is to equip customers with foundational, readily applicable digital skills to support their personal and professional success.
 - ❖ **Sumter County** received \$7,280 for their “Make Station” project. The Make Station is a space for people in the community to come together to tinker, collaborate, design, investigate, and create. The hands-on, creative, social programs at the Make Station will add a new dimension to the Sumter County Library's mission to promote life-long learning. The library partnered with the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club, to host a series of Tech Playground programs for children to solve STEM challenges. The library also partnered with the Shepherd's Center of Sumter to offer monthly craft programs for seniors in the Make Station.



Organizational Structure



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Budget Request by Priority

FY 19-20 Budget Priorities Summary												
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Budget Priorities				Funding					FTEs			
Priority No.	Type (non-recurring/recurring/other)	Title	Description	Recurring	Non-Recurring	Other	Federal	Total	State	Other	Federal	Total
1	B1 - Recurring	Increase to Discus	Increase in funding for Electronic Resources - DISCUS	\$200,000.00				\$200,000.00				
2	B1 - Recurring	Increase to State Aid	Increase in per capita for State Aid to public libraries	\$2,071,864.75				\$2,071,864.75				
		Total						\$2,271,864.75				

Public Education and Special Schools Subcommittee Proviso Request Summary			
Proviso # in FY 19-20 Act	Proviso Title	Short Summary	Agency Recommended Action (keep, change, delete, add)
27.1	LIB: Aid to Counties Libraries Allotment)	The request to raise the minimum grant per county from \$75,000 to \$100,000 will ensure that public libraries can continue positively impacting their communities, and the state as a whole.	Change
3.6	LEA: FY 2019-20 Lottery Funding	Distribution of Education Lottery - moving State Library - Aid to County Libraries from 15 in the distribution to 6.	Change



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District	Name and Address	Original Appointment	Current Appointment	Appointment Date	Expiration Date
1 st	Loretta K. Green 130 Pearl Lane Reevesville SC 29471 (843) 276-9649 Email: l.k.green66@gmail.com	2011	2016	10/24/2012 6/30/2016 (reappointed)	June 30, 2021
2 nd	Walter Caudle 4201 Parkman Drive Columbia, SC 292016 (803) 730-8815 (C) Email: wfcaudle@aol.com	10/14/2014 Filling unexpired term for Suzie Rast	2014	10/24/2012 10/14/2014 (reappointed)	June 30, 2019
3 rd	Martha Murtiashaw 101 West Wesley Street Walhalla SC 29691-2241 (864) 638-9923 (H) (864) 280-3438 (C) Email: murtiashawm@bellsouth.net	2012	2012	9/5/2012	June 30, 2022
4 th	Alanna I. Wildman 9 Woodburn Ridge Road Spartanburg SC 29302 (864) 590-8793 (C) (864) 583-0112 (H) Email: alannawildman@att.net	2011	2016	11/2/2012 6/30/2016 (reappointed)	June 30, 2021
5 th	Michael Simmons 3025 Chesbrough Boulevard, Apt. 319 Rock Hill SC 29732 (803) 372-3208 (C) Email: mgsimmons@comporium.net	2011	6/30/2015	6/30/2015 (reappointed)	June 30, 2020
6 th	Marty R. McKenzie 1516 Lucky Road Lake City SC 29560 (843) 939-8091 (803) 896-9787 Email: marty.r.mckenzie@icloud.com	2004	2016	10/24/2012 6/30/2014 (reappointed)	June 30, 2019
7 th (New Seat 2012)	Deborah Hyler 527 Rosewood Drive Florence SC 29501 (843) 662-1796 (H) (843) 662-9996 (W); (843) 662-9866 (fax) (843) 260-8692 (cell) email: dhyler@theschoolfoundation.org	2004	2009	9/25/2012 9/25/2014 (reappointed)	June 30, 2019

Pictures in order of appearance:

- ❖ South Carolina State Library Lion, Sol
- ❖ State House Read-In Event – 2,500 children in attendance
- ❖ National Food Day
- ❖ Magic School Bus Logo
- ❖ South Carolina Government Social Media Idea Exchange logo
- ❖ Discus logo
- ❖ Ellen Dunn and Katie visiting Mrs. Young's 5th grade class
- ❖ Charleston County Public Library, Summer Reading Program
- ❖ Puppetry workshop at the State Library
- ❖ State Documents
- ❖ Michael Hingson event
- ❖ Quilts of Valor recipients: Commander Stephen M. Anderjack, US Navy; Lieutenant Jennifer D. Harki, US Army Reserves; Sergeant Alicia M. Pena, US Army; Master Sergeant Richard T. Thrift, III, US Army
- ❖ Librarians and program directors learning about food literacy
- ❖ ABBE Bookmobile / Outreach
- ❖ Kyler Demery, a Culinary Arts 2 Student at F.E. Dubose Career Center in Manning, with his Very Hungry Caterpillar cake, submitted for the State Library's Literary Cake Decorating contest

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