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State Library

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AGENCY'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The South Carolina State Library's mission is to develop, support, and sustain a thriving statewide community of learners committed to making South Carolina stronger. We serve the people of South Carolina by supporting state government and libraries to provide opportunities for learning in a changing environment. Our operating principles are innovation, collaboration, participation, and preservation. South Carolina citizens of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities turn to their libraries to support creative, academic, personal, and professional interests. Libraries respond with information, collections, productivity tools, and learning experiences thoughtfully planned and professionally delivered. The State Library meets the essential needs of each distinct library audience in addressing local service demands. Our persistent goal is to strategically plan, collaboratively approach, and implement cost-effective solutions that result in outstanding library services for every South Carolinian.

FINANCE AND GRANTS oversees the day-to-day fiscal operations of the State Library. The South Carolina State Library takes its fiduciary responsibility seriously, as evidenced by the planning, tracking, and accuracy of the budget. Each purchase the State Library makes is tied directly to a strategic direction, agency goal, and the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) federal grant's purpose to support the mission and vision of the agency. Each budget line is categorized enabling tracking of expenses to be broken down to the most granular level. The State Library is fiscally responsible and diligently negotiates multi-year purchases that will provide the largest statewide impact. The State Library routinely works with other groups to secure collaborative partnerships that share costs across agencies or groups to save the state money. Those partnerships include the Department of Education, South Carolina Education Television (SCETV), Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries (PASCAL), the Department of Administration, the Department of Employment and Workforce, the Department of Pardon and Parole, SC FirstSteps, and others. Collaborative purchases are important to the State Library, and we constantly seek to find opportunities for savings and equal access.

The Finance and Grants department oversees the distribution of Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) federal grant funds for public libraries. With these federal funds, libraries throughout South Carolina are able to purchase materials and technology to enhance services to patrons, participate in continuing education experiences, and conduct strategic planning and community needs assessments that they otherwise would be unable to provide.

IMLS funds are primarily distributed to public libraries through subgrants. An annual cycle offers grant programs, such as competitive Impact Grants of up to $50,000 for targeted projects in individual counties. The State Library provided 106 subgrants in FY26, for projects which met a multitude of patron and community needs. Examples include the Lancaster County Library book vending machine in a county service center, which made library materials available to residents of all ages; outdoor book lockers, which provided increased access to library materials 24 hours a day, seven days a week in the Allendale Hampton Jasper Regional Library System, Kershaw County Library, Dillon County Library, and Anderson County Library; mobile study pods at two branches of the Beaufort County Library; a library outreach vehicle for the Orangeburg County Library; and SC Plants the Seed program, which provided free books about nutrition, farming, and healthy food to children and families and nutrition education in collaboration with other state agencies and community partners. Additionally, grants were provided to public library staff for conference attendance, continuing education, and tuition reimbursement for classes taken at an accredited Library and Information Science degree program. Summer Reading program subgrants were provided to forty-five county library systems.

HUMAN RESOURCES supports the State Library's belief in diversity and equity by striving to hire staff from various backgrounds with relevant experience to represent South Carolina fully. In response to our desire for a diverse workforce, the State Library Leadership team has gone through various training to ensure the most qualified candidate is hired, including understanding interviewing bias. Each employee receives regular, detailed feedback to

ensure their success and that of the agency. Opportunities are provided for staff to cross-train and work on inter-department teams to learn more about other departments and encourage collaboration. Employees participate in continuing education, state and national conferences, and professional development. The State Library was recognized with an award from South Carolina Human Affairs Commission for achieving 98.4% for their commitment to Equal Employment Opportunity. The State Library believes an engaged workforce is essential to meeting the high expectations and needs of South Carolinians. Our goal is to provide a workplace where employees feel valued and enjoy what they are doing. This work environment encourages creativity and innovation to develop exceptional programs.

LIBRARY SERVICES is responsible for reference, research, programming, training, outreach, accessing print and electronic collections, and circulation. This department directly serves state employees, elected officials, public libraries, and all South Carolina residents 18 and older. Staff members provide the public with free training opportunities both on-site and virtually. Our most successful workshops this fiscal year were the Grants Research and Grant Writing workshops. We once again saw a significant increase in new cardholders this year with the growth of E-cards. Library Services staff continue offering Book-a-Librarian services to patrons, one-one-one Genealogy and Grants assistance appointments, and virtual training webinars, which extends the State Library's outreach to South Carolina residents across the entire state.

Program Highlights:

- Approximately 7,938 people visited the State Library
- 2,575 physical State Library cards were issued
- New E-card registrations increased by approximately 42.8% from 4,571 (FY25) to 6,527 (FY26)
- Items circulated increased by approximately 9.7% from 3,321 (FY25) to 3,642 (FY26)
- Interlibrary Loan items sent to other libraries: 279
- Interlibrary Loan requests filled for State Library patrons: 141

Additional Highlights:

- Discover the South Carolina State Library webinar series continued to promote the rich variety of print and electronic resources in the State Library's collection and to provide instruction to patrons on access and use. This year’s offerings included: SC in the Stars; Discover Educational Resources; Civic Engagement with Your Library Card; Discover Your Passion: Hobbies at the SC State Library; and Yum! Recipes & Resources at the SC State Library.
- Other programs and trainings offered this year included: Freedom of Information Act Series; From Colony to Community: Three Centuries of South Carolina Culture; and multiple Grants Research and Writing sessions for the public and public librarians. We had 263 attendees at these programs and trainings.
- The State Library continues providing training for correctional institution staff on available services and resources. State Library staff provided training to the Federal correctional institution (FCI) Edgefield Education. Reference staff answered 37 reference requests by US mail from South Carolina inmates.

LIBRARY COLLECTIONS coordinates selection and purchasing of new print materials and acquiring, cataloging, and creating access to South Carolina state agency electronic documents. The collection includes library and information science, civic engagement and government, information technology, grants research, diversity and inclusion, institutional libraries, mental health, and South Carolina-related titles. The department also provides online access to digitized historical documents, books, and images from our collection and through partnerships with other agencies, libraries, and cultural heritage institutions.

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The State Library serves as a state and federal document depository for state agencies and public access. Holdings include all documents created by state agencies, including documents that are born digitally. State agencies send the State Library copies of documents which exist in print; we use web crawlers to obtain documents which exist in digital format only.

The department also provides online access to historical documents, books, and images which have been digitized and cultivates partnerships to make historical and cultural materials available online. Digitization projects completed during the FY26 include the South Carolina General Assembly's Acts & Joint Resolutions volumes (1791-1805, 1900-1909, 1986-2001); ca. 1769 Eli Kershaw Ledger (partnership with Historic Camden Foundation); Carolina highways (1973-1983); Reuben Gambrell WWII Art Project (partnership with Historic Aviation Foundation); SC250 Digitization project including 175 State Library Collections relating to the Revolutionary War in South Carolina; Secretary of State Certified County Boundary Maps (partnership with Secretary of State's Office); South Carolina Wildlife Magazine (2024-2025); and the South Carolina General Assembly's Legislative Manual (2025). Digitized items are available as part of the State Library's State Documents Depository.

Program Highlights:

- Total page views of state documents: 250,623
- Items added to the State Library's print collection: 1,402 (State Documents); 326 (Federal Documents)
- New print titles cataloged: 758
- SCLENDS items cataloged: 595
- New items purchased and donated: 1033
- Books measured for archival box: 171
- Archival boxes made with Dyss X5 machine: 148
- Book repairs made: 49

Additional Highlights:

- Library Collections staff were trained on the DYSS X5 box cutting machine, Kasemake software, and digital book measuring tool to create and build archival boxes for aging materials in the print materials throughout the collections.
- Staff completed inventory of the South Carolina collection, fixing cataloging errors, and updating faded call number labels.
- Staff uploaded 162 documents to the SC250 digital collections from in-house scanning projects and published documents from various state agencies.
- The Notable State Documents Awards Ceremony was held at the State Library in March 2026 acknowledging the incredible work done by state agencies, with 12 winners and 84 attendees this year.

The **SCLENDS** consortium is a collaboration of 24 county libraries and the State Library. Consortium members provide access to their communities through a shared catalog of books, audio, and video materials. The State Library maintains the integrity of the catalog and provides technical support for member libraries. Member libraries save on the costs associated with purchasing and processing shared library materials. SCLENDS currently serves almost one-half of the state's population. Approximately 46% of the residents in member counties have a library card which they can use to obtain items from any of the participating SCLENDS libraries. The shared catalog available to residents boasts 3,806,339 items. Member input directly guides development and improvements to meet the needs of staff and patrons who use SCLENDS. In November 2025 Greenwood County Library joined SCLENDS and in December 2025 Saluda County Library also joined SCLENDS, adding their holdings to the larger collection.

Project Highlights:

- Total number of items in SCLENDS: 3,806,339
- Number of items circulated: 6,767,080
- Number of active cardholders: 609,731
- Total number of items loaned between SCLENDS member libraries: 441,562

South Carolina Talking Book Services (TBS) strives to fulfill the mandate set forth on federal, state and local levels by the National Library Service (NLS) for the Blind and Print Disabled: "That all may read." The primary goal of SCTBS is to serve as South Carolina's Network Library in the national system by fostering a lifelong love of reading through audiobooks and audio serials. Audiobooks delivered on cartridges played on specialized digital talking book machines or downloaded to personal devices via the web-based BARD system are the largest circulators of the program. The updated DA2 machine, released this year, features Wi-Fi and Bluetooth capability and machine-based storage for direct downloads, further expanding patrons' options. Priority assignment of these machines was given to veterans, per NLS and Congressional protocol, followed by any patron who was interested in utilizing the new technology. TBS also distributes national magazines in audio format on cartridges; the audio version of the Talking Book Topics bimonthly catalog; large-print books and descriptive DVDs; and coordinated services for braille resources. The NLS mandate specifies that qualified service patrons be blind or otherwise print-disabled. The requirements for certification have been loosened for greater access, allowing professionals other than physicians to certify those possessing cognitive disabilities such as dyslexia, ADD/ADHD, and other disorders stemming from permanent organic disability or temporary impairment.

Growing community connections through programming is another important goal of Talking Book Services. Programs such as the Winter and Summer reading challenges and Student Art Gallery competition each spring draw many participants. This year, the annual TBS Student Art Gallery program took a giant step forward with the addition of online voting and a virtual gallery showcasing art created by students with print disabilities from all over South Carolina. This programming innovation, combined with targeted increases in advertising, created significantly greater visibility and accessibility for the program. As a result of this increased access, 64% of votes for the competition were entered virtually, and 55 via a QR code on-site in the lobby of the SCSL where the artwork was displayed. According to a post-event survey, 84% of respondents were satisfied with the more accessible event than in previous years. This innovation will provide lasting value for TBS and our community.

TBS is actively working to connect with schools, public libraries, agencies, and residential facilities statewide to increase awareness of, and access to, TBS services. Staff are on-call to answer patron questions Monday through Friday from 8:30 - 5:00. All cartridges and equipment are mailed free of charge through the U.S. Postal Service. Fees and fines are never charged, and no face-to-face contact with patrons or certifiers is required for service.

Program Highlights:

The 2025-2026 SFY involved several changes in our service at the direction of the National Library Service in Washington, D.C. Most impactful was the purging of inactive accounts and of juvenile accounts that did not provide updated parent/guardian permissions. Additionally, we performed a biannual cull of inactive accounts in our braille service roster with the State Library of Utah. While these adjustments changed our statistics somewhat, these were important updates and gave us a better understanding of our true patron population and their circulation habits.

- Active TBS patrons: 4,029 (12 mo. average)
- Active Institutions: 185 (average)
- Patron contacts: 15,448 (8,670 Phone Calls/voicemails/walk-ins and 6,761 emails)

- Total circulation: 229,402
    - Digital Books – Download on Demand: 172,626
    - Digital Books - Electronic Download: 47,940
    - Large Print Books: 842
    - Local Digital Serials: 1,311
    - MOC Serials: 6,263
    - Descriptive DVDs: 95
    - Braille circulation via Utah State Library: 325
- Digital Book Machines checked out: 842
- Active BARD accounts: 708 (average)
- Volunteer service: 365 hours
- Outreach: 23 events, 2267 contacts

DISCUS, South Carolina's Virtual Library, consists of more than 70 scholarly subscription databases and is used in South Carolina K-12 schools, academic libraries, and public libraries. Managed and administered by the South Carolina State Library, Discus is vital for all South Carolina residents regardless of socio-economic status, race, or location and ensures a safe environment for research and education by excluding unrelated search results, advertising, and other distractions found in internet search results. The educational databases in Discus offer a variety of learning resources, such as read-aloud articles and eBooks, video closed captioning, adjustable reading levels, practice tests, printable worksheets, and experiments. Students of all grades and education levels find benefit from using Discus.

Discus is funded by the South Carolina State Legislature, the K-12 Technology Initiative, and the Library Services and Technology Act. Each of these funding partnerships is vital to the continued scholarly databases in the collection. The resources are thoroughly vetted and are regularly monitored for subject needs, user experience, and usage trends. In FY 2026, the State Library invested $4.1 million in Discus which includes an EBSCO package of 50 research databases, CultureGrams, Bloom's Literature, Britannica, InfoLaunch, Tutor.com, PebbleGo, TumbleBooks, and Ferguson's Career Guidance Center. Each of these unique resources fills a specific niche for residents studying world cultures, literary works, early childhood programs, general reference topics, and career assistance.

The Discus website is designed with large, colorful buttons and easy navigation to appeal to students and encourage learning. In preparation for the April 2027 Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG), it has been determined that the Discus website is 90% WCAG 2.0 Level AA compliant, ensuring South Carolina residents with disabilities can fully participate in educational opportunities through equal access to digital resources.

The addition of Gale in Context: Middle School and Gale in Context: Global Issues to Discus was well received by students and teachers due to the collection's name recognition. Gale in Context: Middle School is designed specifically for middle school students and covers a variety of topics, including government, U.S. and world history, geography, literature, science, and social issues. Gale in Context: Middle School is designed to meet the developmental needs of this age group, offering intuitive research tools that foster critical thinking and information literacy – skills essential for academic success and lifelong learning.

Gale In Context: Global Issues is curated for users ranging from high school students to adults and supports global awareness and perspective through geographically diverse newspapers, magazines, and journals. Gale in Context: Global Issues is cross-searchable with Gale in Context: Opposing Viewpoints, which is also in Discus, increasing the scope and breadth of the information available to researchers. The scholarly, vetted content in both databases supports the state curriculum standards in ELA, social studies, and science.

Several Discus databases showed a significant increase in usage, including:

- Ferguson's Career Guidance Center 42%
- Gale in Context: Elementary 122%
- PebbleGo Science 43%
- The Mailbox Plus 141%
- TumbleBooks 82%

Virtual and in-person training requests decreased from previous years due to staffing fluctuations, with 106 trainings conducted and 31 exhibit tables monitored. A total of 8,900 individuals attended the in-person workshops, watched live online sessions or the recorded sessions, or stopped at the Discus exhibit table for additional information.

Program Highlights:

- Item retrievals in Discus (includes online books, academic journals, primary sources, practice tests, and videos): 27,752,286
- Britannica Learning text-based and multimedia item retrievals: 7,218,300
- Capstone articles and eBooks viewed in PebbleGo and PebbleGo Next: 9,377,269
- Gale Cengage text-based and multimedia item retrievals: 745,176
- LearningExpress Library practice tests, tutorials, courses, and eBooks used (28% increase): 21,025
- TeachingBooks investigations including book title clicks, lesson plan downloads, author recordings, activities, and other tools: 4,543,209
- Tutoring hours used: 4,421

Our **INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY SERVICES** Department provides technology assistance to public libraries in South Carolina. During Fiscal Year 2026, assistance ranged from technology infrastructure assessments to remote support and project management. Continued focus was placed on leveraging Federal E-rate Program funding for network infrastructure improvement projects at Public Libraries across the State. The schools and libraries' universal service support program, commonly known as the E-rate program, helps schools and libraries to obtain affordable broadband access.

Program Highlights:

- For the 2026 E-rate application window, assisted 17 South Carolina Public Library Systems with requesting funds for network infrastructure projects and/or Managed Services (MiBs). Provided technology assessments and detailed equipment specifications that were used in the application process. Total funds requested $586,614. Library Systems assisted were Allendale-Hampton-Jasper, Anderson, Cherokee, Chester, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Colleton, Fairfield, Georgetown, Greenwood, Laurens, Lee, Marion, Newberry, Saluda, Sumter, and Union.
- Supported 7 E-rate Category 2 funded projects during FY2026. Library Systems assisted were Allendale-Hampton-Jasper, Anderson, Chester, Dillion, Orangeburg, Sumter and Union.
- Conducted a total of 13 site visits during the year to the following Library Systems: Allendale-Hampton-Jasper, Anderson, Chester, Dillon, Orangeburg, and Sumter.
- Conducted 113 remote support and consultations for the year. Library Systems assisted were Aiken-Bamburg-Barnwell-Edgefield (ABBE), Allendale-Hampton-Jasper (AHJ), Anderson, Chester, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dillion, Dorchester, Fairfield, Georgetown, Greenwood, Horry, Laurens, Lee, Lexington, Marion, Marlboro, Newberry, Orangeburg, Saluda, Sumter, Union and Williamsburg.

- Sumter County Library; the Main branch location network cabling infrastructure is aged and designed poorly. Worked closely with Sumter County Government IT Department. We developed a detailed plan to address all the identified problems. The State Library created detailed specifications and drawings. Assisted with filing application for FY2024 Federal E-RATE funds to help fund this project. Requested funds $178,453. This is a multi-year project. Project is nearing completion.
- Dillion County Library; the Latta Branch construction project. A new wing was added to the historic building. Worked with the Library System, County Government IT and General Contractor to design and implement the technology infrastructure for the library location. Project completed early 2026.
- Jasper County; the Pratt Memorial Library underwent a major renovation project. Worked with the Library System, Architects, Jasper County Government IT and General Contractor to design and implement the technology infrastructure for the library location utilizing Federal E-Rate funds. Project was completed in early 2026.

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT provides assistance, training, and consulting for public library staff, trustees, and directors across South Carolina. Our consultants support all aspects of library operations, services, and programming. Each consultant has broad experience in library service as well as specialized expertise in areas such as youth services, library management and planning, collection development, programming, facilities, outreach, and accessibility.

Through site visits, consultations, and training sessions, Library Development staff offer direct, one-on-one support to strengthen library operations and services. We provide in-person and virtual training, facilitate small-group workshops, and conduct assessments, evaluations, and statistical reporting. The department coordinates professional librarian certification to ensure high standards in staffing and service, and also delivers board training and consultation on library governance, recruitment, hiring, and strategic planning.

Our statewide programs and initiatives address community needs and expand access to resources. These include early and family literacy initiatives, the circulating kits program, and collaborative partnerships with agencies and organizations. We also recommend library standards and provide guidance on facility construction, renovation, and maintenance, as well as strategies to improve accessibility for patrons of all abilities. In addition, the Facilities and Access Consultant supports libraries in state-funded institutions such as prisons, juvenile justice facilities, mental health centers, and long-term care facilities. In fiscal year 2026, we provided new materials for institutional libraries to three state agencies and helped establish a library at a new facility for youth with mental illness and disabilities.

All South Carolina public libraries participate in summer reading programs to encourage a love of reading and prevent learning loss. The State Library provides summer reading grants to support programming, presenters, and activities such as live theatre, animal encounters, music performances, and STEM workshops. Grants also help libraries purchase books and program supplies. We continue to distribute early literacy resources such as the South Carolina Day by Day Family Literacy Activity Calendar (available in English and Spanish), brochures, and activity booklets. In fiscal year 2026, more than 52,000 literacy brochures and booklets were distributed to libraries, schools, and early-childhood partners.

Library Development staff coordinate statewide initiatives to expand access to resources, particularly in rural areas. Programs such as Check Out SC and SC Plants the Seed connect residents to the arts, technology, health and wellness, and fresh food access. Through Check Out SC, a partnership with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, libraries circulate free passes to South Carolina State Parks. In fiscal year 2026, 950 park passes were distributed, providing families across the state with affordable opportunities for outdoor exploration and recreation.

The department also manages a robust circulating kit collection that supports public library programming. Libraries can borrow kits on topics including STEM/STEAM, cooking, board games, memory care, storytimes, and book clubs. These kits have enabled programs such as robotics workshops, bilingual storytimes, cooking classes, and memory care activities. In fiscal year 2026, 13 new kits were added, bringing the total to 140, which were borrowed 292 times statewide.

The department offers a wide range of training opportunities for library staff. Recent offerings included:

- The third annual Directors' Summit, focusing on budgets, state statutes, board training, facility projects, and digital accessibility
- Converting the Basic Spanish for Library Staff webinar series to a self-paced course, in partnership with REFORMA de las Carolinas and the Library of North Carolina.
- A second Arts Integration for Public Libraries workshop was hosted in collaboration with the SC Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities
- Workshops and webinars on summer reading program planning and implementation
- Circulating Kits Idea Exchange and an Explore & Share webinar to highlight the statewide kit collection

Program Highlights:

- Purchased books for institutional libraries at the Department of Corrections, Department of Juvenile Justice, and Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.
- Hosted an Institutional Libraries Exchange for staff at institutions and their partner organizations.
- Supported small libraries with collection maintenance and weeding
- Hosted professional development on serving children and teens
- Hosted the SC Plants the Seed Exchange, bringing together libraries that participated in the previous year to reflect on their experiences, exchange ideas, and share successful strategies for implementing the program
- Hosted a Book Locker Exchange for library staff to discuss successes, challenges, and approaches to implementing and managing book locker services
- Cohosted SECC Conference in partnership with state library agencies in North Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, and Tennessee with just over 1500 attendees (maximum capacity)

COMMUNICATIONS is responsible for the media relations, publicity, and promotion of all the State Library services, programs, and initiatives. Staff members manage social media, including Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), Instagram, YouTube, and LinkedIn, and design and produce collateral materials and videos. Effective communications and email marketing help to reach 128,394 patrons across the state. Team members cultivate relationships with local media and with state employees to emphasize the State Library's mission and services while improving access to information and expanding participation. When prompted, the department advises public libraries on public relations matters, including brand standards, communications ethics, and industry trends and tools.

Program Highlights:

- Facebook followers: 9737
- X (formerly Twitter) followers: 6460
- Instagram followers: 2665 (Instagram posts: 1278)
- YouTube channel views during FY26: 14900 (watch time 2,100 hours). 1197 total subscribers
- LinkedIn followers: 1654

The **SOUTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR THE BOOK** utilized partnerships during building construction projects that limited in-library programming and continued to explore new event styles while focusing on America 250 and South Carolina 250 throughout the past year. The Center for the Book also revived and revised past annual programming events. The Center for the book partnered with the SC250 Commission and created a youth activity book, "South Carolina's Guide to the American Revolutionary War", which has over 50,000 copies distributed throughout South Carolina. The Center for the Book partnered with The SC State Museum for two events. The first, their annual Douglass Day, incorporates the Library of Congress program, "By the People", that uses crowd sourcing to transcribe primary documents. The second event was in support of the opening of their new exhibit, American Battleground, on Carolina Day, June 28, 2026. The Center for the Book partnered with Historic Camden and the SC Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum in support of their SC250 programming. Notable events included Charleston Silversmith, Kaminer Haislip, a SC Humanities grant recipient, who discussed the history of Charleston Silver, that featured the SC Silver Society, which brought examples and information about the organization. The Speaker at the Center series hosted talks with curators from the SC Military Museum and the Charleston Museum. Carl Borick's, The Charleston Museum's Director, book "Backcountry Resistance" focuses on militia fighting in South Carolina during the American Revolution. Historical Fiction author, Patricia Brandon, shared her first book in a series set during the Revolutionary War and historian and author, Tom Elmore, presented the history of the Swamp Fox in media. The Center for the Book hosted a Quilts of Valor Ceremony with five recipients, which is anticipated to be an annual event. The South Carolina Literary Landmarks program has begun accepting nominations from the public and hope to select two locations annually.

Risk assessment and mitigation strategies

The mandates of the South Carolina State Library are broad and diverse. They include service to people who are blind or print-disabled; resources for the K-12 community; serving as the State's document depository for all state agencies; serving as a federal document depository; providing research, reference, and consultation services to a broad group of patrons including state employees, libraries, and the legislature. How those mandates are met must evolve and change over time as technology changes and the needs of our patrons change.

The South Carolina State Library is experiencing a sustained period of strategic growth and increasing statewide impact. As demand for our programs and services continues to rise across multiple sectors, we must expand our staffing capacity to keep pace with these evolving responsibilities. The addition of new positions is essential to maintaining service excellence, supporting innovation, and ensuring that we can effectively meet the diverse and growing needs of our customer base, which includes public libraries, educators, government agencies, individuals who are blind or print-disabled, students, researchers, and the general public.

There are several key issues facing the South Carolina State Library in the coming year. As the State's Document Depository for all state documents created by each state agency and State-supported academic institution, the State Library is responsible for collection of thousands of documents annually. Our current collection contains documents ranging from the late 1700s through the FY25 Legislative session. The State Library's collection of documents is unique and is the only complete collection of documents created by South Carolina state agencies; this collection will not be weeded over time as other traditional libraries weed their collection. The South Carolina State Library is designated as a special library with documents which have significant historical value and serve as records of South Carolina government operations. Our challenges in these efforts revolve around the preservation and digitization of the documents. Digitizing these critical documents will provide greater access to South Carolinians and information. In order to meet our objectives, the State Library must add additional positions to handle its current and projected workload for collection management and preservation. Although additional positions have not been added to the State Library for over twenty years, our service output has significantly increased. It is challenging to compete with larger agencies and libraries for qualified staff.

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1. **Preservation and Digitization of State Documents:** The South Carolina State Library's collection is an incredibly valuable record of our State's history. As the State's document depository, we play a crucial role in preserving and providing access to South Carolina's state documents. In FY25, the State Library secured funding for a state-of-the-art digitization scanner, significantly expanding the Library's capacity to digitize larger volumes and a wider variety of materials. In FY26, the Library further strengthened its preservation capabilities by purchasing a Kasemake CXD box-making machine, which produces custom-sized phase boxes tailored to the exact dimensions of individual collection items. These archival boxes provide appropriate protection for fragile and aging materials, helping prevent deterioration caused by improper storage and handling.

These investments have substantially increased the State Library's ability to preserve South Carolina's state documents. However, the Library currently has six scanners in its digitization area but only two dedicated staff members to operate the equipment. Additional staffing is also needed to operate the Kasemake machine at full capacity. Without sufficient personnel, the State Library cannot fully utilize these significant technology investments or increase the volume of materials preserved and digitized.

Potential Most Negative Impact: Without adequate staffing, the State Library will be unable to fully utilize its digitization and preservation equipment, limiting its capacity to preserve state documents. Continued deterioration of fragile materials due to age and storage conditions could result in the permanent loss of irreplaceable documents that serve as records of South Carolina government operations.

Outside help to mitigate the impact: Additional positions within the State Library's Preservation and Digitization Department are needed to fully utilize the library's scanning and box-making equipment. Increased staffing will allow the Library to expand digitization and preservation activities, improve efficiency, and better fulfill its responsibility as steward of South Carolina's state documents.

2. **Additional Positions:** The number of positions allocated to the State Library has not changed in over twenty years.

During FY25, South Carolina's public libraries circulated more than 28 million items and welcomed 10.8 million visits, demonstrating the essential role libraries play in communities across the State. The South Carolina State Library provides critical statewide support to these institutions through direct consultation, professional expertise, training, and guidance to public libraries, county library boards, and local government entities.

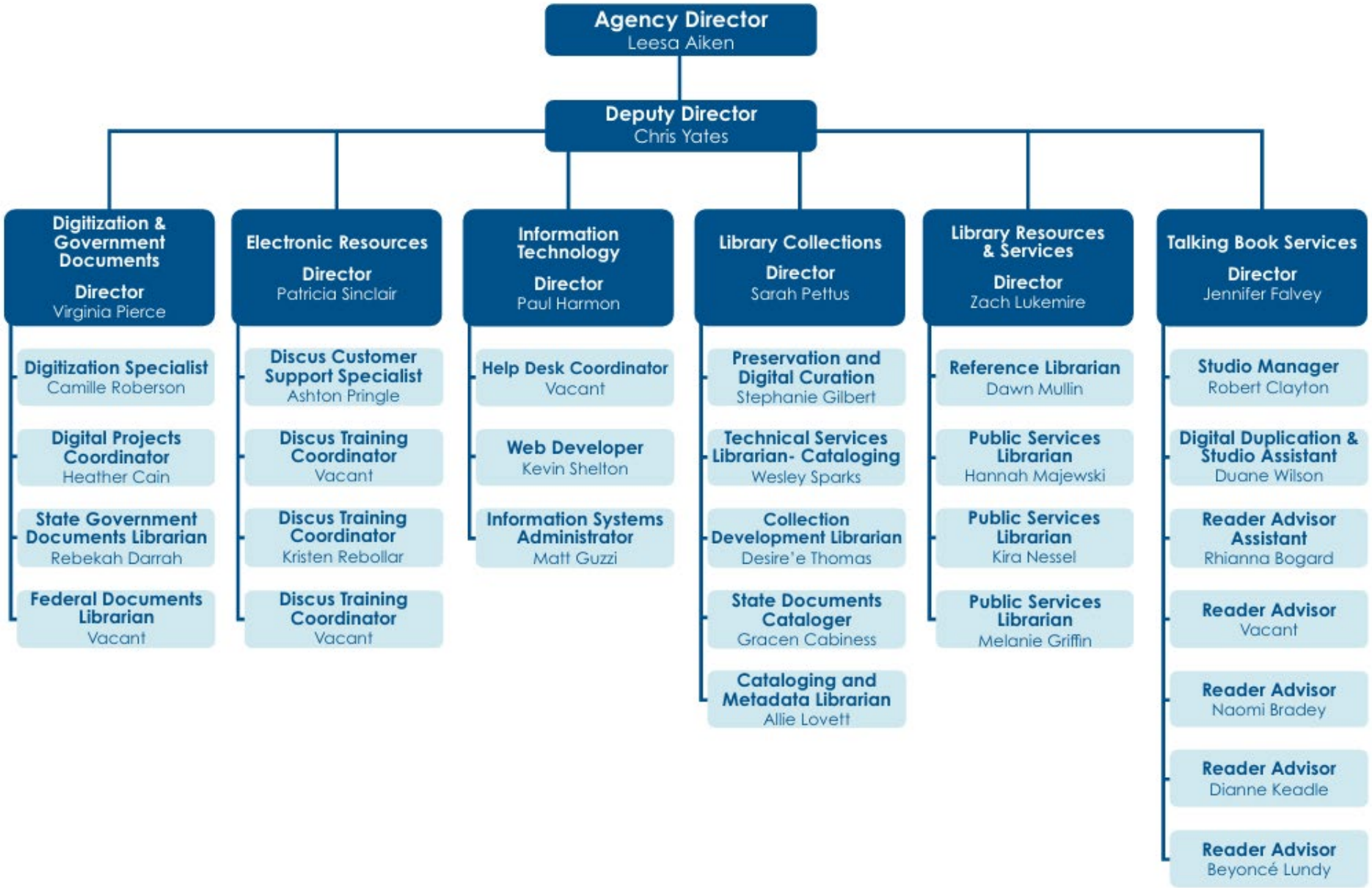
The demand for this support has increased significantly as public libraries navigate legislative changes, evolving policies, and increasingly complex operational challenges. The State Library's Library Development consultants serve as a primary source of expertise and guidance for libraries across South Carolina, helping libraries remain informed, compliant, responsive, and effective in meeting the needs of their communities. The State Library has been operating with just four consultants for over 20 years. Additional staffing is necessary to ensure that the State Library can provide timely, high-quality support while also proactively addressing emerging needs and statewide priorities.

Potential most negative impact: Without additional staff, the State Library's ability to provide timely and comprehensive consultation and technical assistance to South Carolina's public libraries will become increasingly limited.

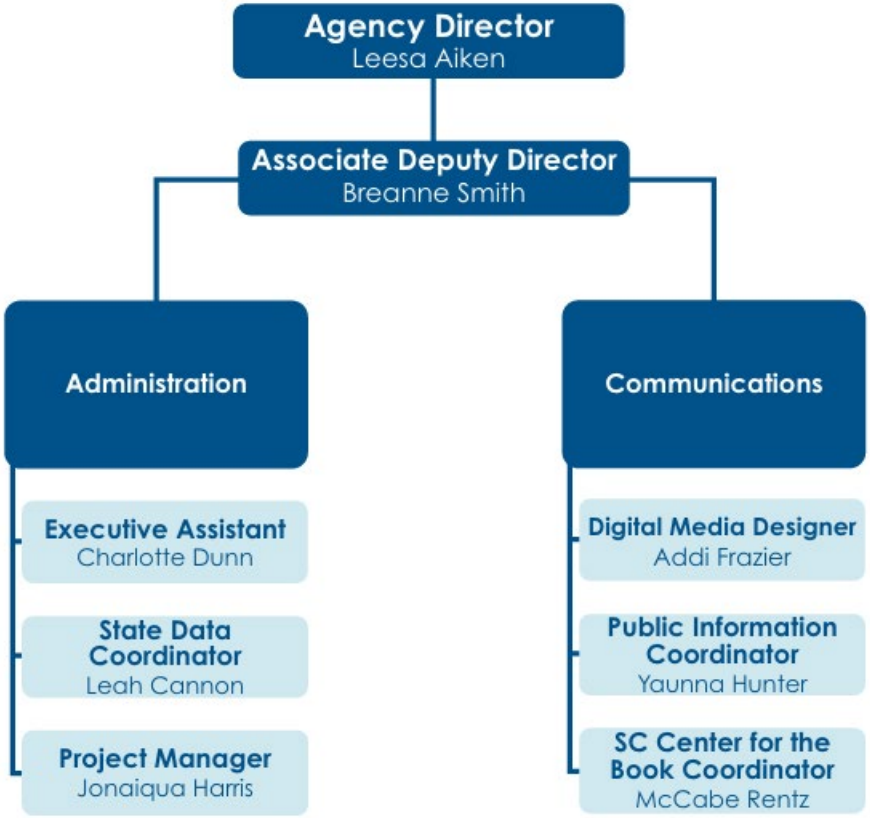
Outside help to mitigate the impact: The addition of positions to the State Library's position allocation is needed so that we can meet the demands of service.

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Agency Mission	Adopted in:	2015

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

Agency Vision	Adopted in:	2015

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

Recommendations for reorganization requiring legislative change:

None

Agency intentions for other major reorganization to divisions, departments, or programs to allow the agency to operate more effectively and efficiently in the succeeding fiscal year:

Creation of Administration Department

Significant events related to the agency that occurred in FY2026

Description of Event	Start	End	Agency Measures Impacted	Other Impacts

TBS Art Gallery with virtual gallery and voting; this is an expansion of the ongoing program	April	June		Expansion of accessibility to the TBS Art Gallery; increase in patron satisfaction and public awareness of the SCTBS program. (No agency measures impacted)
Installation and training of Dyss X5 machine and Kasemake software	December	December	Total number of items preserved in historical and current federal publication collections	
Completed inventory of SC collection	July	August		(No agency measures impacted)
SC250 digital collection uploads to Dspace	November	July	Number of new collections made in digital catalog	
Added Greenwood County Library to SCLENDS	July	November		(No agency measures impacted)
Added Saluda County Library to SCLENDS	July	December		(No agency measures impacted)
SC250 Digitization Project	July	June	Number of new collections made in digital catalog	

GPO Preservation Steward Partnership	July	June		(No agency measures impacted)
Director's Summit	March	March	Number of outreach activities and training sessions conducted	
Southeastern Collaborative Online Conference (SECC)	March	March		(No agency measures impacted)
Book Locker Exchange	April	April	Number of outreach activities and training sessions conducted	
Institutional Libraries Exchange	May	May	Number of outreach activities and training sessions conducted	
Is the agency in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 2-1-220, which requires submission of certain reports to the Legislative Services Agency for publication online and the State Library? (See also S.C. Code Ann. § 60-2-20).				Yes
Reason agency is out of compliance: (if applicable)				
Is the agency in compliance with various requirements to transfer its records, including electronic ones, to the Department of Archives and History? See the Public Records Act (S.C. Code Ann. § 30-1-10 through 30-1-180) and the South Carolina Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (S.C. Code Ann. § 26-6-10 through 26-10-210).				Yes
Does the law allow the agency to promulgate regulations?				No
Law number(s) which gives the agency the authority to promulgate regulations:				

Has the agency promulgated any regulations?	No
Is the agency in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-120 (J), which requires an agency to conduct a formal review of its regulations every five years?	Yes
(End of Reorganization and Compliance Section)	

FY2026

Strategic Plan Results

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

H870 - STATE LIBRARY

Goal 1 Innovation: Demonstrate Excellence in Library Services
Goal 2 Collaboration: Strengthen Community Engagement
Goal 3 Participation: Provide equitable access to information
Goal 4 Preservation: Advance collection Stewardship and Access

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Actual	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
1.1	**Continuing Education and targeted skill development for library professionals and paraprofessionals**										**State Objective: Education, Training, and Human Development**			
1.1.1	Number of outreach activities and training sessions conducted	73	80	44	Count	equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Total number of training sessions offered by the library including exchanges, webinars, etc.; Count of all training events hosted	State library training calendar	Library Development	Library staff training for purposes of increasing skills and raising the level of library service. Direct contact with users stimulates understanding and usage of the resources.	Library staff and administrators	4503.000000.000, 4004.000000.000	No CE Consultant, Without YS Consultant for half the year
1.1.2	Number of library certifications provided to public library staff	127	100	86	Count	equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Count of all certifications processed	State Library OnBase database	Library Development	Public library staff certification required for library directors per state statute; available to other staff as a credential	Public library staff and administrators	4503.000000.000	
1.1.3	Number of training sessions provided to trustees and friends groups	0	5	0	Count	equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Statistical count	Simple tally	Library Development	Train trustees on library board responsibilities, procedures, and administration.	Library Board of Trustees and Friends of the Library members; library directors and administration.	4503.000000.000	None requested
1.1.4	Number of educational trainings to State and Federal Correctional Institutions	1	1	1	Count	equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Grand total reported	Internal records	Library Collections & Services	Access to State Library collections and services	State Correctional Institutional Libraries and Federal Correctional Institutional Libraries located in SC and their inmate population	4004.000000.000	Moving to a different department
1.2	**Provide consulting services to library staff and library board of trustees.**										**State Objective: Education, Training, and Human Development**			
1.2.1	Number of consultations provided to public library staff	286	250	243	Count	equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	A consult is considered one interaction in person, by phone, or by email with a library staff member, administrator, supporter, or community partner	Monthly reporting from Library Development consultants	Library Development	Public library staff and administrators; K-12 educators, public librarians, academic librarians, parents	Libraries need consulting assistance for a variety of topics related to administration, staff training, patron interactions, and other related concerns	4503.000000.000	
2.1	**Provide reader advisory service and library materials to patrons who are blind or print disabled.**										**State Objective: Education, Training, and Human Development**			

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Actual	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
2.1.1	Number of active TBS patrons	4,144	4,300	4,029	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Count of all patrons using TBS services	Internal records	Talking Book Services	Fostering a lifelong love of reading by providing equipment, materials, and assistance to the blind and print disabled	South Carolina's blind or print disabled	1501.000000.000	NLS/TBS patronage is still in decline nationwide
2.1.2	Circulation of TBS materials	153,502	145,000	229,402	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Count of TBS materials circulated to patrons	Keystone Library Automation System, Utah State Library Braille print book service, National Library Service	Talking Book Services	Fostering a lifelong love of reading by providing equipment, materials, and assistance to the blind and print disabled	South Carolina's blind or print disabled	1501.000000.000	Greater number of staff allowed increase in service to existing patrons
2.1.3	Digital Book Machines out to TBS patrons	849	900	842	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Total number of Digital Book Machines sent to TBS patrons	Keystone Library Automation System	Talking Book Services	Fostering a lifelong love of reading by providing equipment, materials, and assistance to the blind and print disabled	South Carolina's blind or print disabled	1501.000000.000	
2.1.4	TBS BARD patrons	684	750	708	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Count of all TBS patrons using the BARD platform	National Library Service	Talking Book Services	Fostering a lifelong love of reading by providing assistance to the blind and print disabled	South Carolina's blind or print disabled	1501.000000.000	This is an average of 12 months' totals
2.1.5	Donations to TBS	12,330	13,000	9,190	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	total monetary donations given to TBS during fiscal year	Internal records	Talking Book Services	Assist Talking Book Services financially and in-kind to provide equipment, materials, and assistance to the blind and print disabled	South Carolina's blind or print disabled	1501.000000.000	
2.1.6	TBS Volunteer hours	229	300	365	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Total hours worked by TBS volunteers	Internal records	Talking Book Services	Assist Talking Book Services financially and in-kind to provide equipment, materials, and assistance to the blind and print disabled	South Carolina's blind or print disabled	1501.000000.000	Since we no longer have the Summer Teen program, this number needs to be adjusted down
2.1.7	TBS Outreach sessions	72	85	23	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Number of times TBS staff performed outreach to patrons or community	LibCal, Internal Records	Talking Book Services	Fostering a lifelong love of reading by providing assistance to the blind and print disabled	South Carolina's blind or print disabled	1501.000000.000	We had high turnover in our outreach position, so we missed a number of events we usually attend.
2.1.8	TBS Outreach contacts	4,219	4,750	2,267	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Count of individuals who attended TBS outreach sessions	LibCal, Internal records	Talking Book Services	Fostering a lifelong love of reading by providing assistance to the blind and print disabled	South Carolina's blind or print disabled	1501.000000.000	We had high turnover in our outreach position, so we missed a number of events we usually attend.
2.1.9	TBS local book recording	8	10	16	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Number of book readings recorded for TBS patrons	Internal records	Talking Book Services	Fostering a lifelong love of reading by providing equipment, materials, and assistance to the blind and print disabled	South Carolina's blind or print disabled	1501.000000.000	Expanding this count to include local magazine recordings as well.

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2.1.10	TBS Magazines recorded	20	24	16	count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Count number of completed magazine recordings	TBS statistical records	Talking Book Services	Fostering a lifelong love of reading by providing equipment, materials, and assistance to the blind and print disabled	South Carolina's blind or print disabled	1501.000000.000	Intensive project to submit SCTBS audio recordings for national NLS distribution meant fewer recordings overall
2.1.11	Number of active enrolled institutions	199	205	185	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Count of all active enrolled institutions using TBS services	Internal records	Talking Book Services	Fostering a lifelong love of reading by providing equipment, materials, and assistance to the blind and print disabled	Institutions serving South Carolina's blind or print disabled	1501.000000.000	
2.2	**Develop collaborative and strategic partnerships with relevant state agencies, libraries, schools, and community-based organizations in order to maximize service potential, share resources, and extend outreach to South Carolinians.**									**State Objective:**	**Education, Training, and Human Development**			
2.2.1	Number of Summer Reading participants 18 and under	100,169	100,000	85,833	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Total reported	post-survey	Library Development	Improves literacy and prevents the "summer slide"	Children and early readers in South Carolina	4503.000000.000	
2.2.2	Number of reference questions answered by mail for State Correctional Institutional Residents	63	60	37	Count	equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Grand total reported	Internal records	Library Collections & Services	Providing reference services via correspondence to underserved populations	State Correctional Institutional Libraries and Federal Correctional Institutional Libraries located in SC and their inmate population	4004.000000.000	Fewer requests than last
3.1	**Acquire, process, catalog, maintain, and delivery quality resources.**									**State Objective:**	**Education, Training, and Human Development**			
3.1.1	Number of library programming kit circulations	222	250	292	Count	equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	KitKeeper report on annual circulation total	Kit Keeper online circulation management software report	Library Development	Programming kits allow libraries to offer events that they would otherwise not have, without financial commitment from the library	Public library staff and patrons	4503.000000.000	
3.1.2	Number of items in state electronic materials collection	225,447	230,000	64,129	Count	equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Grand total reported.	Obtained from vendor reports.	Library Collections & Services	Resource assistance.	SCSL cardholders	4004.000000.000	Criteria for this metric changed
3.1.3	Number of items retrieved from Historical Black Newspaper Collection	5,638	6,000	6,333	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Grand total reported.	Obtained from vendor reports.	Library Collections & Services	Resource assistance.	SCSL cardholders	4004.000000.000	
3.1.4	Number of library cards issued	4,214	4,000	2,575	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Total new library cards issued during the fiscal year	Internal records	Library Collections & Services	Access to State Library physical and electronic collections	South Carolina residents	4004.000000.000	Actual represents the number of State Documents alone. The criteria for this item has been revised, resulting in a smaller number than previously reported.

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3.1.5	Number of e-Books retrieved	55,285	50,000	35,864	Count	equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Grand total reported	Obtained from vendor reports	Electronic Resources	Access to State Library collections	SCSL cardholders	4004.000000.000	
3.1.6	Number of library E-cards cards issued	4,571	4,000	6,527	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Statistical count	Internal Records	Library Services	Access to State Library physical and electronic collections	South Carolina residents	4004.000000.000	
3.2	**Provide professional reference and research services to South Carolinians, K-12, state and local government, businesses, and libraries**									**State Objective:**	**Government and Citizens**			
3.2.1	Number of visitors to state library	8,956	7,000	7,938	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Total visitors through State Library's front entrance	Internal records	Library Collections & Services	Access to State Library collections and services	General public	4004.000000.000	
3.2.2	Number of attendees at virtual, in-person trainings	150	200	277	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Statistical count	Internal records	Library Collections & Services	Increased educational training to state agencies	General public	4004.000000.000	277 is the number of attendees at webinars & workshops. That number does not include how many people attended the 50 individual help sessions that were given by staff.
3.3	**Provide teachers, students, families, libraries, and the general public with access to electronic resources to meet informational needs of South Carolinians.**									**State Objective:**	**Education, Training, and Human Development**			
3.3.1	Number of Discus training screencasts provided	46	35	40	Count	equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Total for the period reported	Simple tally	Electronic Resources	Homework and research assistance.	K-12 students and educators, public library patrons, and academic institutions	4004.000000.000	Virtual training position was unfilled during the year.
3.3.2	Number of views of Discus training screencasts	234	200	NA	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Total for the period reported	Simple tally	Electronic Resources	Resource assistance and	K-12 students and educators, public library patrons, and academic institutions	4004.000000.000	This information is unavailable due to open position.
3.3.3	Number of locations receiving promotional project kits	1,503	1,503	1,504	Count	equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Total number of public schools, libraries, individuals, and partners that receive promotional kits from include Discus (SC's Virtual	Simple tally	Electronic Resources	Increased program awareness.	K-12 students and educators	4004.000000.000	

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3.3.4	Usage of Discus online resources retrieved	29,379,601	30,000,000	27,752,286	Count	equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Grand total reported.	Obtained from vendor reports.	Electronic Resources	For homework and informational purposes by citizens.	K-12 students and educators, public library patrons, and academic institutions	4004.000000.000	Training staff fluctuated due to a new trainer beginning and a second trainer on leave during the period.
3.3.5	Number of Discus onsite trainings provided	0	88	66	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Total for the period reported	Simple tally	Electronic Resources	Homework and research assistance.	K-12 students and educators, public library patrons, and academic institutions	4004.000000.000	The hiring of a new trainer reduced the opportunities to present as they learned their new job.
4.1	**Preserve interest in South Carolina cultural and artistic information by encouraging reading, writing, and literacy among all ages of South Carolinians through programs and activities.**									**State Objective: Education, Training, and Human Development**				
4.1.1	Literacy materials sent	55,169	60,000	52,066	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Count of total literacy items sent to libraries, schools, day care centers, churches, homeschooling groups, preschools, Department of Education, and other agencies/organizations.	Internal records	Library Development	Increase literacy at an early stage of development.	Children and early readers in South Carolina	4503.000000.000	
4.1.2	Number of exhibits and displays	17	20	17	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Statistical count	Internal Records	Library Collections & Services	Promote State Library Collections	General public	4004.000000.000	This number includes the 12 monthly themed displays by LS staff, plus any exhibits by any dept. (such as TBS art gallery, Goff photo, traveling exhibits, etc.). We were limited this year while we were closed for the window project.
4.2	**Digitize and preserve South Carolina history.**									**State Objective: Government and Citizens**				
4.2.1	Number of SCSL and partner items added to the South Carolina Digital Library	0	250	24	Count	equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Statistical count	Simple tally	Library Collections & Services	Increased visibility of documents to public.	General public	4004.000000.000	We submitted 24 items from the Reuben Gambrell WWII Art Project which will be uploaded August 2026.
4.2.2	Number of SCSL items now accessible via the South Carolina Digital Library	49,699	50,000	50,024	Count	equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Statistical count	System report from external partner	Library Collections & Services	Increased visibility of documents to public.	SCSL cardholders	4004.000000.000	
4.3	**The SCSL is South Carolina's state government depository. Provides transparency in government with centralized and free, statewide access to state publications. Serve as a depository for federal publications.**									**State Objective: Education, Training, and Human Development**				

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4.3.1	Number of Document Depository training sessions provided	4	5	5	Count	Maintain range	State Fiscal Year	Statistical count	Simple tally	Library Collections & Services	Train depository library staff on how to provide access to documents.	12 state depository libraries	4004.000000.000	
4.3.2	Number of new collections made in digital catalog	268	150	159	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Statistical count	Internal records	Library Collections & Services	Digital Repository Accessibility	General public	4004.000000.000	
4.3.3	Number of pages of documents digitized this fiscal year and added to State Library digital collections	68,650	75,000	75,000	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Statistical count	Internal records	Library Collections & Services	Expand access to physical state and federal documents	General public	4004.000000.000	
4.3.4	Number of SC federal document items cataloged and made available in the catalog	1963	2100	326	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Statistical count	Internal records	Library Collections & Services	Increased visibility and accessibility of SC federal documents to the public	General public	4004.000000.000	Staff position was vacant part of the year.
4.3.5	Total number of items preserved in historical and current federal publication collections	380	270	416	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Statistical count	Internal records	Library Collections & Services	Serve as GPO Preservation Stewards	General public	4004.000000.000	

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Strategic Plan Development

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

H870 - STATE LIBRARY

Goal 1 Innovation: Demonstrate Excellence in Library Services
Goal 2 Collaboration: Strengthen Community Engagement
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1.1	**Continuing Education and targeted skill development for library professionals and paraprofessionals**								**State Objective:**	**Education, Training, and Human Development**			
1.1.1	Number of outreach activities and training sessions conducted	44	60	Count	equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Total number of training sessions offered by the library including exchanges, webinars, etc.; Count of all training events hosted	State library training calendar	Library Development	Library staff training for purposes of increasing skills and raising the level of library service. Direct contact with users stimulates understanding and usage of the resources.	Library staff and administrators	4503.000000.000, 4004.000000.000	
1.1.2	Number of library certifications provided to public library staff	86	100	Count	equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Count of all certifications processed	State Library OnBase database	Library Development	Public library staff certification required for library directors per state statute; available to other staff as a credential	Public library staff and administrators	4503.000000.000	
1.1.3	Number of training sessions provided to trustees and friends groups	0	5	Count	equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Statistical count	Simple tally	Library Development	Train trustees on library board responsibilities, procedures, and administration.	Library Board of Trustees and Friends of the Library members; library directors and administration.	4503.000000.000	
1.1.4	Number of educational trainings to State and Federal Correctional Institutions	1	1	Count	equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Grand total reported	Internal records	Library Collections & Services	Access to State Library collections and services	State Correctional Institutional Libraries and Federal Correctional Institutional Libraries located in SC and their inmate population	4004.000000.000	
1.2	**Provide consulting services to library staff and library board of trustees.**								**State Objective:**	**Education, Training, and Human Development**			

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
1.2.1	Number of consultations provided to public library staff	243	300	Count	equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	A consult is considered one interaction in person, by phone, or by email with a library staff member, administrator, supporter, or community partner	Monthly reporting from Library Development consultants	Library Development	Public library staff and administrators; K-12 educators, public librarians, academic librarians, parents	Libraries need consulting assistance for a variety of topics related to administration, staff training, patron interactions, and other related concerns	4503.000000.000	
2.1	**Provide reader advisory service and library materials to patrons who are blind or print disabled.**									**State Objective: Education, Training, and Human Development**			
2.1.1	Number of active TBS patrons	4,029	4,125	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Count of all patrons using TBS services	Internal records	Talking Book Services	Fostering a lifelong love of reading by providing equipment, materials, and assistance to the blind and print disabled	South Carolina's blind or print disabled	1501.000000.000	
2.1.2	Circulation of TBS materials	229,402	245,125	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Count of TBS materials circulated to patrons	Keystone Library Automation System, Utah State Library Braille print book service, National Library Service	Talking Book Services	Fostering a lifelong love of reading by providing equipment, materials, and assistance to the blind and print disabled	South Carolina's blind or print disabled	1501.000000.000	
2.1.3	Digital Book Machines out to TBS patrons	842	875	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Total number of Digital Book Machines sent to TBS patrons	Keystone Library Automation System	Talking Book Services	Fostering a lifelong love of reading by providing equipment, materials, and assistance to the blind and print disabled	South Carolina's blind or print disabled	1501.000000.000	
2.1.4	TBS BARD patrons	708	750	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Count of all TBS patrons using the BARD platform	National Library Service	Talking Book Services	Fostering a lifelong love of reading by providing assistance to the blind and print disabled	South Carolina's blind or print disabled	1501.000000.000	

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2.1.5	TBS Volunteer hours	365	375	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Total hours worked by TBS volunteers	Internal records	Talking Book Services	Assist Talking Book Services financially and in-kind to provide equipment, materials, and assistance to the blind and print disabled	South Carolina's blind or print disabled	1501.000000.000	
2.1.6	TBS Outreach sessions	23	46	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Number of times TBS staff performed outreach to patrons or community	LibCal, Internal Records	Talking Book Services	Fostering a lifelong love of reading by providing assistance to the blind and print disabled	South Carolina's blind or print disabled	1501.000000.000	
2.1.7	TBS Outreach contacts	2,267	2,335	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Count of individuals who attended TBS outreach sessions	LibCal, Internal records	Talking Book Services	Fostering a lifelong love of reading by providing assistance to the blind and print disabled	South Carolina's blind or print disabled	1501.000000.000	
2.1.8	TBS local book recording	16	18	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Number of book readings recorded for TBS patrons	Internal records	Talking Book Services	Fostering a lifelong love of reading by providing equipment, materials, and assistance to the blind and print disabled	South Carolina's blind or print disabled	1501.000000.000	
2.1.9	TBS Magazines recorded	16	20	count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Count number of completed magazine recordings	TBS statistical records	Talking Book Services	Fostering a lifelong love of reading by providing equipment, materials, and assistance to the blind and print disabled	South Carolina's blind or print disabled	1501.000000.000	
2.2	**Develop collaborative and strategic partnerships with relevant state agencies, libraries, schools, and community-based organizations in order to maximize service potential, share resources, and extend outreach to South Carolinians.**								**State Objective: Education, Training, and Human Development**				
2.2.1	Number of Summer Reading participants 18 and under	85,833	90,000	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Total reported	post-survey	Library Development	Improves literacy and prevents the "summer slide"	Children and early readers in South Carolina	4503.000000.000	

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2.2.2	Number of reference questions answered by mail for State Correctional Institutional Residents	37	40	Count	equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Grand total reported	Internal records	Library Collections & Services	Providing reference services via correspondence to underserved populations	State Correctional Institutional Libraries and Federal Correctional Institutional Libraries located in SC and their inmate population	4004.000000.000	
2.3	**Provide consulting services to Institutional Library staff.**									**State Objective: Education, Training, and Human Development**			
2.3.1	Institutional Libraries consults and site visits	30	30	Count	Equal to or Greater Than	State Fiscal Year	A consult is considered one interaction in person, by phone, or by email with a library staff member, administrator, supporter, or community partner	State Library OnBase Database	Library Development	Institutional Libraries need consulting assistance for a variety of topics related to administration, staff training, patron interactions, and other related concerns	Staff at Institutional Libraries, librarians, activity therapists, recreational therapists, and administrators	4503.000000.000	
3.1	**Acquire, process, catalog, maintain, and delivery quality resources.**									**State Objective: Education, Training, and Human Development**			
3.1.1	Number of library programming kit circulations	292	300	Count	equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Springshare report on annual circulation total	Springshare online circulation management software report	Library Development	Programming kits allow libraries to offer events that they would otherwise not have, without financial commitment from the library	Public library staff and patrons	4503.000000.000	
3.1.2	Number of items in state electronic materials collection	64,129	66,000	Count	equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Grand total reported.	Obtained from vendor reports.	Library Collections & Services	Resource assistance.	SCSL cardholders	4004.000000.000	
3.1.3	Number of items retrieved from Historical Black Newspaper Collection	6,333	6,000	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Grand total reported.	Obtained from vendor reports.	Library Collections & Services	Resource assistance.	SCSL cardholders	4004.000000.000	

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3.1.4	Number of library cards issued	9,102	4,000	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Total new library cards issued during the fiscal year	Internal records	Library Collections & Services	Access to State Library physical and electronic collections	South Carolina residents	4004.000000.000	
3.1.5	Number of e-Books retrieved	35,864	40,000	Count	equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Grand total reported	Obtained from vendor reports	Electronic Resources	Access to State Library collections	SCSL cardholders	4004.000000.000	
3.2	**Provide professional reference and research services to South Carolinians, K-12, state and local government, businesses, and libraries**								**State Objective:**	**Government and Citizens**			
3.2.1	Number of visitors to state library	7,938	7,000	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Total visitors through State Library's front entrance	Internal records	Library Collections & Services	Access to State Library collections and services	General public	4004.000000.000	
3.2.2	Number of attendees at virtual, in-person trainings	277	200	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Statistical count	Internal records	Library Collections & Services	Increased educational training to state agencies	General public	4004.000000.000	
3.3	**Provide teachers, students, families, libraries, and the general public with access to electronic resources to meet informational needs of South Carolinians.**								**State Objective:**	**Education, Training, and Human Development**			
3.3.1	Number of Discus training screencasts provided	35	40	Count	equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Total for the period reported	Simple tally	Electronic Resources	Homework and research assistance.	K-12 students and educators, public library patrons, and academic institutions	4004.000000.000	
3.3.2	Number of locations receiving promotional project kits	1,504	1,504	Count	equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Total number of public schools, libraries, individuals, and partners that receive promotional kits from include Discus (SC's Virtual	Simple tally	Electronic Resources	Increased program awareness.	K-12 students and educators	4004.000000.000	
3.3.3	Usage of Discus online resources retrieved	27,752,286	28,000,000	Count	equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Grand total reported.	Obtained from vendor reports.	Electronic Resources	For homework and informational purposes by citizens.	K-12 students and educators, public library patrons, and academic institutions	4004.000000.000	
4.1	**Preserve interest in South Carolina cultural and artistic information by encouraging reading, writing, and literacy among all ages of South Carolinians through programs and activities.**								**State Objective:**	**Education, Training, and Human Development**			

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
4.1.1	Literacy materials sent	52,066	55,000	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Count of total literacy items sent to libraries, schools, day care centers, churches, homeschooling groups, preschools, Department of Education, and other agencies/organizations.	Internal records	Library Development	Increase literacy at an early stage of development.	Children and early readers in South Carolina	4503.000000.000	
4.1.2	Number of exhibits and displays	17	20	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Statistical count	Internal Records	Library Collections & Services	Promote State Library Collections	General public	4004.000000.000	
4.2	**Digitize and preserve South Carolina history.**								**State Objective: Government and Citizens**				
4.2.1	Number of SCSL and partner items added to the South Carolina Digital Library	24	50	Count	equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Statistical count	Simple tally	Library Collections & Services	Increased visibility of documents to public.	General public	4004.000000.000	
4.2.2	Number of SCSL items now accessible via the South Carolina Digital Library	50,024	50,000	Count	equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Statistical count	System report from external partner	Library Collections & Services	Increased visibility of documents to public.	SCSL cardholders	4004.000000.000	
4.3	**The SCSL is South Carolina's state government depository. Provides transparency in government with centralized and free, statewide access to state publications. Serve as a depository for federal publications.**								**State Objective: Education, Training, and Human Development**				
4.3.1	Number of Document Depository training sessions provided	5	5	Count	Maintain range	State Fiscal Year	Statistical count	Simple tally	Library Collections & Services	Train depository library staff on how to provide access to documents.	12 state depository libraries	4004.000000.000	
4.3.2	Number of new collections made in digital catalog	159	130	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Statistical count	Internal records	Library Collections & Services	Digital Repository Accessibility	General public	4004.000000.000	
4.3.3	Number of pages of documents digitized this fiscal year and added to State Library digital collections	75,000	75,000	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Statistical count	Internal records	Library Collections & Services	Expand access to physical state and federal documents	General public	4004.000000.000	

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
4.3.4	Number of SC federal document items cataloged and made available in the catalog	326	500	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Statistical count	Internal records	Library Collections & Services	Increased visibility and accessibility of SC federal documents to the public	General public	4004.000000.000	
4.3.5	Total number of items preserved in historical and current federal publication collections	416	270	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Statistical count	Internal records	Library Collections & Services	Serve as GPO Preservation Stewards	General public	4004.000000.000	

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State Funded Program No.	State Funded Program Title	Description of State Funded Program	(Actual) General	(Actual) Other	(Actual) Federal	(Actual) Total	(Projected) General	(Projected) Other	(Projected) Federal	(Projected) Total
0100.000000.000	Administration	Oversees the State Library	$ 1,429,574.04	$ -	$ -	$ 1,429,574.04	$ 1,893,506.00	$ 39,000.00	$ 300,699.00	$ 2,233,205.00
1501.000000.000	Talking Book Services	Program provides audio books utilizing proprietary players and/or BARD online app as well as related library lending services throughout the entire state of South Carolina for the blind, visually impaired, or physically handicapped, commonly referred to as the print disabled.	$ 456,146.27	$ -	$ 81,272.88	$ 537,419.15	$ 692,929.00	$ 80,000.00	$ 50,397.00	$ 823,326.00
4004.000000.000	Library Resources	Responsible for reference, research, programming, training, outreach, accessing print and electronic collections, and circulation	$ 5,524,850.15	$ 355,872.00	$ 672,500.68	$ 6,553,222.83	$ 4,556,123.00	$ 41,200.00	$ 378,984.00	$ 4,976,307.00
4503.000000.000	Statewide Development	Library consulting, grant administration, communications and marketing, and services for special populations as well as all statewide special projects	$ 16,152,174.93	$ -	$ 1,109,360.98	$ 17,261,535.91	$ 17,839,130.00	$ -	$ 844,287.00	$ 18,683,417.00
4503.000000.001	Statewide Development							$-		
9500.050000.000	State Employer Contributions	State Employer Contributions refers to the funds the agency pays toward employee benefits such as health and retirement.	$ 1,031,893.27	$ -	$ 399,083.38	$ 1,430,976.65	$ 1,668,501.00	$ -	$ 201,579.00	$ 1,870,080.00

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Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
23-31-210	State	Regulation	Open Carry with Training Act	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
60-1-10	State	Statute	Establishment of South Carolina State Library; State Library Board; appointment and terms of office of board members; vacancies.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
60-1-100	State	Statute	Services of libraries open to public; fees for certain services; provision for penalties.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
60-1-110	State	Statute	State Library to assist libraries of state institutions.	Not related to agency deliverable	State institutional libraries request assistance on an as needed basis.	No Change
60-1-120	State	Statute	Library services to be rendered to blind and physically handicapped readers.	Requires a service	Provide library service to the blind and physically handicapped readers in cooperation with the United States Library of Congress	No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
60-1-130	State	Statute	State Library to promote cooperation among governmental bodies and libraries for the sharing of resources.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
60-1-140	State	Statute	State Library to establish statewide library network.	Requires a service	Operate a statewide library network to facilitate the sharing of resources and information among South Carolina libraries	No Change
60-1-150	State	Statute	Authority of public libraries to participate in statewide library network; authority of director to allow participation.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
60-1-160	State	Statute	State Library to receive statistical reports from libraries.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
60-1-170	State	Statute	Authority of director to cooperate with United States Department of Education and other agencies in the administration of funds.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
60-1-20	State	Statute	Chairman and vice-chairman of board; other officers; board meetings; compensation of board members.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
60-1-30	State	Statute	Director of State Library; qualifications; evaluation and term of office.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
60-1-40	State	Statute	Duties and authority of board.	Requires a service	Library and information services to state government, South Carolina libraries, and the citizens of the State	No Change
60-1-50	State	Statute	Duties of director.	Requires a service	Provide advice and technical assistance to public and other libraries, agencies of the State, political subdivisions, and planning groups concerning library services and operations	No Change
60-1-60	State	Statute	Duties of State Library in executing library policy.	Requires a service	Development and extension of library services throughout the State	No Change
60-1-70	State	Statute	State Library to provide research services to General Assembly and others.	Requires a service	Provide library and library research services to the General Assembly, state officers and agencies, and state government employees	No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
60-1-80	State	Statute	State Library to provide assistance to public libraries and county governments.	Requires a service	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	No Change
60-1-90	State	Statute	Administration of state and federal grants to public libraries; eligibility for grants.	Distribute funding to another entity		No Change
75-1	State	Regulation	State Aid to Public Libraries: Regulations	Distribute funding to another entity		No Change
75-2	State	Regulation	Certification of Public Librarians: Regulations	Requires a service	Four types of public library certificates for professional and pre-professional staff	No Change

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Description of Service	Description of Direct Customer	Customer Name	Others Impacted by Service	Division or major organizational unit providing the service.	Description of division or major organizational unit providing the service.	Primary negative impact if service not provided.	Changes made to services during FY2026	Summary of changes to services
Discus - South Carolina's Virtual Library	Public: statewide access to schools, libraries, and the general population	School districts	Public libraries, academic libraries, and the general population	Electronic Resources	Provides electronic resources for the public and the K-12 community. Ensures delivery of online databases and other electronic resources providing information for the public, especially students in South Carolina schools	Students, educators, families, and SC citizens will not have the resources for research and education.	No Change	
Public library consulting services	South Carolina public libraries	Public Libraries	Library boards; community partners; patrons	Library Development	Consults and provides training and other services to county public libraries statewide. Support, strengthen and develop public library operations and staff	Libraries will lack support to help improve services to patrons.	No Change	
Audio books and related services for the blind, visually impaired, or physically handicapped.	Public: statewide access to the general population	Print-disabled population of South Carolina.	Caregivers; other stakeholders of the print-disabled population of South Carolina.	Talking Books Services	Provides services and books in formats for the blind, low vision, physically handicapped. Statewide delivery of audio and print materials for customers with disabilities	Agency violates Federal mandate outlined in Public Law 116-94, Division P, Title XIV, §1403(a) - SEC. 1403. NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE FOR THE BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED.	No Change	
Research services	State government	State government employees	SC citizens, researchers, scholars, out of state patrons	Library Collections & Services	Provides research for state government employees and elected officials as it relates to their position in state government.	State government employees would not have access to the research and expertise of State Library staff for their legislative research needs, constituent services needs, and the accurate and quality resources the State Library provides.	No Change	

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Research services, cultural awareness programs, author talks	General Public, South Carolina residents	SC Residents	General public	Library Collections & Services	Provides research, educational events to the general public.	Patrons may not have the full understanding of the agency's mission.	No Change	
Access to State Government documents (digitized and physical)	State government, general public	State government employees	SC citizens, researchers, scholars, out of state patrons	Library Collections & Services	Provides online and physical access to documents and materials for research.	Access would be limited to physical state government documents.	No Change	
SCLENDS - multi-county consortium shared online catalog of materials	Public: statewide access to the general population	Residents of the counties whose public library systems are members of SCLENDS	State library cardholders	SCLENDS	Provides access to a consortium of 24 county libraries and the State Library . SCLENDS libraries share a single catalog, which means that patrons can search for items at any of the libraries as easily as they search for items at their home library.	Patrons of the member county libraries would lose access to the other member library systems' holdings/items.	Amend	Greenwood County Library and Saluda County Library joined SCLENDS in November 2025 and December 2025 respectively.
Day by Day SC - family literacy calendar and website	Public: statewide access to the general population and targeted to family literacy groups	Children	Young children; parents; caregivers; teachers; librarians	Library Development	The South Carolina Day by Day Family Literacy Calendar is designed to be a tool that families, caregivers, educators, and librarians can use at home and in the classroom to further develop early literacy skills that help young children become prepared for, and to do better in, school.	Children lack early literacy and school readiness	Amend	website is currently under construction but paper calendars are still available
SC Plants the Seed	South Carolina public libraries and targeted groups	Library Patrons	Library staff; library patrons; children	Library Development	SC Plants the Seed is an initiative started by the South Carolina State Library in an effort to increase information regarding and access to healthy food.	Lower nutrition literacy statewide.	Amend	Previously under the umbrella of SC Read. Eat. Grow.

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StudySC	Public: statewide access to schools, libraries, and the general population	School districts	Public libraries, academic libraries, and the general population	Electronic Resources	Provides web resources for K-12 homework help, projects, and more. It also provides teachers with lesson plans and other content to support classroom activities.	Students, educators, families, and SC citizens will not have the resource for SC research and education.	Amend	Updated Division
ABook a Librarian	This department directly serves state employees, elected officials, public libraries, and all South Carolina citizens.	Library Patrons	non State Library patrons, out of state researchers	Library Collections & Services	The Library Services Department is responsible for reference, research, programming, training, outreach, accessing print and electronic collections, and circulation. This department directly serves state employees, elected officials, public libraries, and all South Carolina citizens. Book a Librarian service has broadened patron access to our research services. Book a Librarian is also used for grant consultations.	Library Services Department staff would not have been able to continue excellent services to patrons during the library closure due to COVID-19.	No Change	
Digitization Services provided to Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum	This department directly serves state employees, state agencies, elected officials, public libraries, and all South Carolina citizens.	State agencies	state employees, elected officials, public libraries, and all South Carolina citizens, out of state researchers	Library Collections & Services	The Library Collections Department coordinates the selection, purchasing, cataloging, and access to the print and electronic collections of the State Library and also provides online access to historic documents, books, and images as well as cultivates partnerships to make historic and cultural materials easily available online.	The Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum does not have the staff expertise or equipment to digitize and create detailed metadata to complete this type of project.	No Change	

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The Notable State Documents Awards Program is presented annually by the South Carolina State Documents Depository System at the State Library. The program recognizes exemplary state publications produced by South Carolina state agencies each calendar year.	This program directly serves state agencies and state employees.	State agencies	state employees, elected officials, public libraries, and all South Carolina citizens	Library Collections & Services	The Library Collections Department coordinates the selection, purchasing, cataloging, and access to the print and electronic collections of the State Library and also provides online access to historic documents, books, and images as well as cultivates partnerships to make historic and cultural materials easily available online.	State agencies and state employees would not receive adequate recognition for the excellent information they produce.	No Change	
Duplication On Demand - New one cartridge, one patron process for providing audio books for the blind, visually impaired, or physically-impaired temporary and permanent residents of South Carolina.	Print-disabled citizens of South Carolina.	Print-disabled citizens of South Carolina.	Institutions serving the print-disabled of South Carolina.	Talking Book Services	Talking Book Services is the South Carolina network library of the National Library for the Blind and Print Disabled, a division of the Library of Congress.	Agency in violation of agreement with National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled	No Change	
More	"More" is the South Carolina State Library's monthly newsletter providing information about agency programs, news from libraries around the state, upcoming continuing education events, and national library news.	SC citizens	Individuals interested in news about SCSL and other library-focused news.	Communications	The Communications Department is responsible for the media relations, publicity, and promotion of all the State Library services, programs, and initiatives.	There would be less awareness of available training opportunities, programs, and events.	No Change	
Local audio recording production	Print-disabled citizens of South Carolina	Print-disabled citizens of South Carolina.	Caregivers; other stakeholders of the print-disabled population of South Carolina.	Talking Book Services	Talking Book Services is the South Carolina network library of the National Library for the Blind and Print Disabled, a division of the Library of Congress.	Failure to provide services that ensure equality of access to materials.	No Change	

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Institutional Libraries	Libraries within State Agencies	State Agencies	Incarcerated adults and youth, Mental health patients, adults with disabilities	Library Development	Provided donated library materials tailored to the needs of residents confined to state facilities who are unable to access public libraries. Supported staff of Institutional Libraries with consultations and site visits.	Libraries within state institutions do not provide quality materials or services.	Amend	Expanded to provide an in-person Exchange event

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Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
Professional Association	American Library Association (ALA)	A State Library staff member serves as South Carolina Councilor to ALA.	No Change
Professional Association	Association of Public Library Administrators	Works with library development and statewide services to host workshops and other educational opportunities to the state's public library administrators; Cross promotes events and programs	No Change
Federal Government	Center for the Book - Library of Congress	Partner in cross-promoting SC/other state authors, annual Route 1 Reads program	No Change
State Government	Department of Juvenile Justice	Provides book donations and consultative support at 4 DJJ sites (Upstate Evaluation Center, Midlands Evaluation Center, Coastal Evaluation Center, and the JDC Annex	Add
Federal Government	Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP)	A government program created to make U.S. Federal government publications available to the public at no cost.	No Change
State Government	Georgia Public Library Service	Partnership to host SECC Virtual Conference	Add

Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
Federal Government	Institute of Museum and Library Services	Receive grant funds and promote national library-related programs and projects. The mission of IMLS is to advance, support, and empower America's museums, libraries, and related organizations through grantmaking, research, and policy development.	No Change
State Government	JAG-SC; A program of the SC Technical College System	We provide support and resources in Discus to empower students for future success.	Add
K-12 Education Institute	K-12 Technology Committee	Attend meetings, make decisions related to technology/connectivity and statewide access in libraries and schools	No Change
State Government	Library of Virginia	Partnership to host SECC Virtual Conference	Add
Non-Government Organization	National Federation of the Blind	Partnering in providing information and resources to members of the SC chapter of the NFB; present at statewide conference and annual Vision Summit	No Change
Federal Government	National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled	Partner for statewide Talking Book Services program to circulates books and magazines in braille or audio formats, delivered by postage-free mail or instantly downloadable.	No Change

Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
Professional Association	Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries (PASCAL)	The South Carolina State Library maintains a joint subscription with PASCAL (Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries) to a collection of core electronic resources made available within Discus statewide. This arrangement also allows for PASCAL member institutions to subscribe to additional "opt-in" resources at a significant discount.	No Change
Non-Government Organization	REFORMA de las Carolinas	Collaborated to host the annual Spanish for Library Staff training series with volunteers who are native Spanish speakers.	No Change
State Government	SC Department of Behavior Health and Developmental Disabilities (BHDD)	Provided book donations to 3 mental health facilities (Byars, Bryan Forensic, and Morris Village) and 1 facility for adults with disabilities (Midlands Center) as well as consultative support to facility staff.	Add
State Government	SC Department of Corrections	Supported library book club programs run by the Young Offenders Program at 3 facilities and provided a public library orientation at 1 facility	Add
State Government	SC Department of Juvenile Justice	Provides book donations and consultative support at 4 DJJ sites (Upstate Evaluation Center, Midlands Evaluation Center, Coastal Evaluation Center, and the JDC Annex	Add
K-12 Education Institute	SC K-12 public schools	Talking Book Services sponsors annual art contest for SC public school students and promotes reading/literary services	No Change
State agency	SC State Museum	Partnering to provide picture books in accessible formats (audio, print, braille overlay, e-braille) to support the SC State Museum's Sensory Room for children, opening September 2025.	Add

Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
Non-Governmental Organization	South Carolina Academy of Authors	Partner in promoting South Carolina's literary heritage	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Arts Commission	Partner on statewide literary projects and promoting SC authors through novel prize	No Change
Professional Association	South Carolina Association of School Librarians	We provide onsite and virtual trainings on Discus for schools as well as information and support. We continue to partner on various events throughout the year.	Amend
Higher Education Institute	South Carolina Center for Children's Books and Literacy & Cocky's Reading Express	Work collaboratively on literacy initiatives for children and adults including the annual Read-In and annual Literacy Leaders awards	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Commission for the Blind	Cross promotion of services available via Talking Book Services and assistive technology	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Department of Education - Educational Technology and Accessibility	We provide information and training on Discus for those interested in learning more about accessibility tools available.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Department of Education and SC Economics	We provide information and training on Discus for SC teachers who are interested in acquiring the Personal Finance certification.	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Department of Archives & History	Partner on digitization projects (see PASCAL above)	No Change

Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
Higher Education Institute	South Carolina Digital Library	Provides free online access to historic materials, such as photographs, manuscripts, journals, book, oral histories, objects, etc. illustrating the history and culture of South Carolina from over 40 cultural heritage institutions across the state.	No Change
Professional Association	South Carolina Library Association	Staff members serve on board and provide guidance and advice on issues related to all types of libraries	No Change
Local Government	South Carolina Library Electronic Delivery System (SCLENDS)	Serves as coordinating agency for 24 county consortium. SCLENDS libraries share a single catalog, which means that patrons can search for items at any of the libraries as easily as they search for items at their home library. Items are delivered to requesting partner library	Amend
K-12 Education Institute	South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind	Talking Book Services sponsors annual art contest for students and promotes reading/literary services	No Change
State Government	South Carolina State Parks	Provided 850 park passes. Passes were distributed to public libraries for patron use.	No Change
Professional Association	South Carolina Vision Education Partnership	Group connects eight (8) different agencies dedicated to the education and support of blind South Carolinians.	No Change

Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
State Government	State Library of North Carolina	Partnership to host SECC Virtual Conference Partnered in developing the Spanish for Library Staff series	Amend
State Government	Tennessee State Library and Archives	Partnership to host SECC Virtual Conference	Add
Higher Education Institute	University of South Carolina School of Information Science	Provide internship and volunteer opportunities for students from bachelor's to doctoral level; serve on advisory committees	No Change
Higher Education Institute	University of South Carolina School of Medicine Library	Partner in grants and educational initiatives	No Change
Higher Education Institute	University of South Carolina: Upstate - Special Education – Visual Impairment Program	Program trains, educates and professionally-certifies teachers of the visually-impaired (TVI's) for public and private K-12 institutions.	No Change

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Reports Data

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Report Name	Law Number (if applicable)	Summary of information requested in the report	Date of most recent submission DURING the past fiscal year	Reporting Frequency	Type of entity/entities	Method to access the report	Direct access hyperlink or agency contact (if not provided to LSA for posting online)	Changes to this report during the past fiscal year	Explanation why a report wasn't submitted
Annual audit		Financial audit	August 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Wendy Coplen, Director of Finance and Grants	No Change	
Financial Status Report	2 C.F.R. § 200.328 Financial Reporting	Annual financial report of the final expenditure of Federal funds through the Library Services and Technology Act grant.	January 2026	Annually	Entity within federal government	Available on another website	Wendy Coplen, Director of Finance and Grants	No Change	
Five Year State Plan	USCODE-2012-title20-chap72 section 9134 https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/USCODE-2012-title20/pdf/USCODE-2012-title20-chap72.pdf	The Five Year State Plan is the document that identifies South Carolina State Library's needs and activities to be taken toward meeting the identified goals and priorities supported with the assistance of Federal funds made available under the Library Services and Technology Act ("LSTA").	July 2022	Every Five years	Entity within federal government	Available on another website	https://www.statelibrary.sc.gov/sites/default/files/inline-files/scsl-lsta-five-year-plan-2023-2027.pdf	No Change	
Interim Financial Federal Report	2 C.F.R. § 200.328 Financial Reporting	Annual financial report of the interim expenditure of Federal funds through the Library Services and Technology Act grant.	December 2025	Annually	Entity within federal government	Available on another website	Wendy Coplen, Director of Finance and Grants	No Change	
South Carolina Annual Public Library Statistics Report		Broad range of data submitted by public libraries about budget, personnel, collections, services, and other aspects of library services	March 2026	Annually	Entity within federal government	Available on agency's website	https://guides.statelibrary.sc.gov/sc-public-library-statistics/annual	No Change	
State Program Report	2 C.F.R. §200.329 Monitoring and reporting program performance	Online system developed by IMLS for the annual Grants to States reporting. The purpose of the State Program Report (SPR) is to provide a record of grant-funded projects, collect information on project outcomes, and share promising practices. IMLS uses these data to report to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget about the agency's progress on addressing its strategic goals which focus on learning, community, and content.	January 2026	Annually	Entity within federal government	Available on another website	Wendy Coplen, Director of Finance and Grants	No Change	
K12 School Technology Initiative Progress Report		The South Carolina State Library department of Electronic Resources provides information on StudySC and Discus that is included in this joint report	May 2026	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	https://sck12techinit.sc.gov/	No Change	

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SUBMISSION FORM

I have reviewed and approved the data submitted by the agency in the following templates:

- Data Template
  - Reorganization and Compliance
  - FY2026 Strategic Plan Results
  - FY2027 Strategic Plan Development
  - Legal
  - Services
  - Partnerships
  - Report or Review
  - Budget
- Discussion Template
- Organizational Template

I have reviewed and approved the financial report summarizing the agency's budget and actual expenditures, as entered by the agency into the South Carolina Enterprise Information System.

The information submitted is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

AGENCY DIRECTOR *(SIGN AND DATE)*:	**SIGNATURE ON FILE**	**Signature Received:** 09/09/2026
(TYPE/PRINT NAME):	Leesa M. Aiken, Agency Director	

BOARD/CMSN CHAIR *(SIGN AND DATE)*:	**SIGNATURE ON FILE**	**Signature Received:** 09/09/2026
(TYPE/PRINT NAME):	Andrea Kelly	