

# **SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES LEGISLATIVE AGENDA 2007**

This agenda is designed to inform librarians, trustees, and friends across South Carolina of statewide library funding needs. All library supporters are encouraged to support the budget needs of all South Carolina libraries.

This agenda is endorsed by:

Association of Public Library Administrators of South Carolina (APLA)  
Friends of South Carolina Libraries (FOSCL)  
Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries (PASCAL)  
South Carolina Association of School Librarians (SCASL)  
South Carolina Library Association (SCLA)  
South Carolina State Library Board

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## ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC LIBRARY ADMINISTRATORS

The Association of Public Library Administrators (APLA) is an organization of the directors of SC's public libraries. The funds in the request are funded in the budget of the State Library.

### State Aid to County Libraries

In the FY07 budget, State Aid to County Libraries is funded at \$2.00 per capita with a minimum grant per county of \$50,000. Public libraries are requesting an increase in the per capita grant to \$3.00 per capita with the minimum grant being raised to \$60,000 per county. The additional funds are targeted for library materials and salaries. This request would cost **\$3,929,819**.

### Education Lottery

Public libraries are receiving \$118,546 per county from the Education Lottery in FY07. Funds come from the "unclaimed prizes". Public libraries are requesting **\$50,000** per county from the lottery in FY08 for technology purposes. The request would cost \$2,300,000.

### Public Library Construction

The State Library has identified twelve (12) projects for this new initiative. These projects are just a few of the many public library construction projects needed over the next few years. This request would cost **\$13,250,000**. Projects to be funded include:

Abbeville	\$1,000,000
Allendale-Hampton-Jasper	\$1,000,000
Beaufort	\$1,000,000
Clarendon	\$1,000,000
Fairfield	\$1,000,000
Florence	\$ 250,000
Greenwood	\$2,000,000
Marion	\$1,000,000
Marlboro	\$1,000,000
Newberry	\$1,000,000
Union	\$1,000,000
York	\$1,000,000

For more information about APLA, visit [www.scapla.org](http://www.scapla.org).

## **THE SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS**

The South Carolina Association of School Librarians (SCASL) is a membership organization composed of 1,200 school library media specialists.

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SCASL is asking the General Assembly to consider appropriating recurring funds of \$25 per pupil for the purchase of library materials to support the curriculum in South Carolina's public schools. \$25 is the cost of a new library book. These funds would be earmarked for this purpose in the budget of the State Department of Education. This request would cost \$20 million.

### **Conditions of South Carolina's School Library Media Centers**

- Average age of school collections is 17 years
- Some parts of school library collections are more than 20 years old
- Books purchased are accessible to all students and teachers
- School library media centers are accountable for all funds

### **An Effective School Library**

- Is accessible to the total school community
- Is cost effective because one book is used by many
- Has materials that are inventoried and maintained
- Offers a broad range of materials---reference, fiction, nonfiction and electronic
- Addresses a broad range of reading levels
- Minimizes loss through cost-effective tracking systems
- Supports learning to read and reading to learn
- Adds new resources throughout the school year to keep collections dynamic
- Creates a sense of ownership that is shared by the entire school community

Woolls, Blanche. (2004). *The School Library Media Manager*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. Westport, CT. Libraries Unlimited.  
Roscello, Frances and Patricia Webster (2002). *Characteristics of School Library Media Programs and Classroom Collections: Talking Points*. Albany, NY. Office of Elementary, Middle, Secondary and Continuing Education. New York State Education Department.

For more information about SCASL, visit SCASL at [www.scasl.net](http://www.scasl.net).

**PASCAL**  
(Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries)

**Higher Education Electronic/Virtual Library**

The Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries (PASCAL) is a strategic initiative launched by South Carolina's public and private academic libraries in conjunction with their parent institutions, the Commission on Higher Education (CHE), the SC Independent Colleges & Universities (SCICU), the Office of the State Chief Information Officer, the State Library, and the Department of Archives & History, to respond to the information access needs of South Carolinians. The result of this collaborative effort is a "Statewide Electronic Library" for higher education.

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The higher education electronic/virtual library has received a non-recurring appropriation of \$2 million in each of the three most recent fiscal years. Continued \$2 million recurring funding is requested to fund the core operations of this important statewide initiative. This funding is in the Commission on Higher Education's budget. Member library dues and federal grants also support elements of the program.

**PASCAL'S Core Programs**

- Electronic Resources (Collegiate Discus)---Thousands of core academic journals
- Statewide Universal Borrowing (PASCAL Delivers)---Millions of books available within 3 days
- South Carolina Digital Library Initiative (SC Memory)---State treasures made available on the web

**PASCAL'S Benefits**

- The State-Wide Electronic Academic Library vastly increases the knowledge available to SC's 300,000 students and faculty. We provide access to tens of thousands of electronic journal titles in core academic disciplines, health sciences, and business, with more on the way. Books can easily be borrowed from member institutions. We are working together to build a statewide digital archive of state and national significance.
- The State-Wide Electronic Academic Library levels the educational and economic playing field in the global information economy. For smaller colleges, the resource base increases by over 2,000 percent, while research libraries see their effective collections grow by 20 – 35 percent.
- This vast expansion in resources is extremely cost-effective. Each dollar spent centrally on electronic resources returns \$6-8 dollars in value when compared with single library licensing of the same material.

For more information, visit PASCAL at [www.PASCALSC.org](http://www.PASCALSC.org).

## **SOUTH CAROLINA STATE LIBRARY**

The three requests listed under the Association of Public Library Administrators of South Carolina (APLA) listed above would be funded in the budget of the State Library. They include:

### **State Aid to County Libraries**

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### **DISCUS**

Full funding for DISCUS, the state's premier information resource, is needed. This request would cost \$2.75 million. If each library purchased access to DISCUS databases separately, the total cost would be over \$31 million. DISCUS provides a cost avoidance of over \$28 million.

### **Statewide Union Catalog**

Recurring funds are needed to begin state support for a new statewide public library catalog and interlibrary loan service to better support educational needs of students, lifelong learners, adults seeking to improve their job skills, and home schoolers whose local public library is their main learning resource. This request would cost \$500,000.

### **Energy Surcharges**

This one-time charge is being made by the Budget and Control Board to cover increased energy costs. The estimated charge is \$73,500.

For more information about the State Library, visit the State Library at [www.statelibrary.sc.gov](http://www.statelibrary.sc.gov).