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### *From The President*

I didn't grow up in a house full of sports fans. While my Mom enthusiastically followed the teams of schools my sister and I attended (and still does), all in all apart from me, we were a pretty non-sports bunch – with one major exception – the Olympics. Every four years for two weeks during the summer and winter, the Bradley household became ardent fans, glued to the television for hours on end. I can still measure my formative years by the four year separation of the Olympic Games.

While I don't have the time to watch as much of it as I once did, I am still a fan. So, like many of you, I was riveted to the London Games. Trying to stay away from the internet and the news during the day, I came home and stayed up way too late following the exploits of "Fab Five," and the swimming exploits of Missy Franklin, Michael Phelps and Ryan Lochte.

Unlike a lot of people, I enjoyed the human interest stories that NBC seemed to run every five minutes or so during the games. I always find myself inspired by the tremendous amount of hard work, sacrifice and dedication that each of these athletes puts forth in their journey to the games, regardless of whether they make it to the medal stand. They're willingness to give their all to the common goal, for their teams, for their countries, means they're all winners to me.

Come to think of it, FOSCL is a lot like that—a group of people from all over South Carolina, with different backgrounds and experiences, brought together for one purpose and goal, to support our state's libraries and make them as strong as they can be.

The London Olympics are over. But the work of FOSCL will continue. We have room for you on our team. Consider joining our board. We meet in Columbia five times a year and have one annual meeting. We would love to have you help us reach new heights. But, if you can't join the board, I certainly encourage you to attend one of our regional meetings. They're a tremendous opportunity to network, share best practices and learn from the experiences of other Friends groups across the state. Our next meeting is coming soon in Walhalla on Saturday, September 22, 2012.

I can't promise you a gold medal, but I can promise that you'll leave there inspired by how much we can do together to make our libraries great.

## FOSCL Regional Meeting to be Held in Upstate, Sept. 22

The Friends of South Carolina Libraries (FOSCL) and the Friends of the Oconee County Library will sponsor a **FOSCL regional meeting on Saturday, September 22, 2012** at the **Oconee County Library in Walhalla, SC**. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and is scheduled to conclude at 1p.m.

Guest speaker is **T.J. Wallace**, SC Humanities Council, speaking on “**Great Library Programs!**” The Humanities Council offers many author and other humanities-related programs at a low cost to nonprofit organizations in our state. Several Friends organizations in the state, including the Oconee Library Friends, have utilized the Council’s “Let’s Talk About it” programming successfully for several years.

Plenty of time will be allowed for library friends to participate in an information exchange, sharing their experiences and asking questions of other friends. The Oconee County Friends will offer those attending refreshments, book sale, and a library tour.

The library is located at 501 West South Broad Street, Walhalla, S.C. Phone: 864-638-4133. Web site: [www.oconee.lib.sc.us](http://www.oconee.lib.sc.us).

FOSCL sponsors these regional meetings in different geographical regions of the state in order to encourage Friends from a certain area to be able to meet together, to obtain helpful information, to share their common concerns, and to establish communications with their neighboring friends organizations. Further information on this event will be sent to FOSCL members via the FOSCL listserv.

## FOSCL Officers Elected at Annual Meeting

Officers of the Friends of South Carolina Libraries were elected at the FOSCL annual meeting held on April 21 in Columbia. FOSCL Board member Maurice Cherry presented the slate of officers which was unanimously



*Maurice Cherry, Libby Law, Bill Cooper, John Bradley*

approved: **President:** John Bradley, (Richland County) ; **Vice-President :** Bill Cooper (Spartanburg County); **Treasurer :** Libby Law (Richland County); and **Secretary:** Maurice Cherry (Greenville County)

Other individuals serving on the FOSCL Board include: Paul Dove (Fairfield County), Bettye Fulmer (Newberry County), Maryellen Ham (Beaufort County), David Lyon (York County), Anne Schneider (Richland County), Helen Ann Rawlinson (Richland County), Hubert Setzler (Florence County), and Robert Youngblood (Florence County).

Kathy Sheppard of the South Carolina State Library serves as the State Library’s Liaison, providing advice, assistance, and information to the Board.

The FOSCL Board welcomes anyone who would like to serve and be actively involved in FOSCL programs and activities. Contact John Bradley, FOSCL President, at [jbradley@gmail.com](mailto:jbradley@gmail.com) if you are interested.

## FOSCL Annual Meeting Focuses on Library Advocacy



The Friends of South Carolina Libraries (FOSCL) held their annual meeting at the Richland County Public Library on April 21, 2012. President John Bradley opened the meeting and welcomed the 45 plus in attendance. David Goble, Director of the South Carolina State Library, provided an update on funding for public libraries at the state level.

Bradley provided a wrap-up of FOSCL activities during the past year, including two successful regional meetings for Friends groups held at the Hilton Head Branch Library and the Greenwood County Library. He announced the next FOSCL regional meeting which will be held on Sept. 22, 2012 in Walhalla, SC in cooperation with the Friends of the Oconee County Library. Bradley then presented the "Friend of FOSCL" Award to Mike Burkhart, a founding member of FOSCL, who has served in many leadership capacities on the FOSCL Board over the years and who has been a constant advocate for the state's libraries and Friends' organizations. (see photo)

Bradley presented three of FOSCL awards to recipients - Outstanding Public Official, Public Library Employee Excellence, and Outstanding Individual. (see related stories in this issue). Mary Sizemore, Director of the High Point, NC Library, was the keynote speaker on "Advocating for Your Library."

John Quirk, webmaster for the FOSCL website, did a review of the FOSCL website which he had substantially revamped in previous months. A brief business meeting, including the Treasurer's report from Libby Law and election of FOSCL officers, was held.

At the conclusion of the meeting, time was allocated for Friends members to share their reports on successful ventures and ask questions of their colleagues. The Friends of the Richland County Library spoke about their highly successful Amnesty Week when library fines were forgiven for those who donated materials for the Friends' book sales. The Friends of the Lexington County Library described their annual fundraiser - "Father/Daughter"-dance in February which drew 700 people in 2012.

## South Carolina Library Association Awarded National Advocacy Award

The 2012 ALA (American Library Association) Presidential Award for Advocacy has been awarded to the South Carolina Library Association (SCLA). The award, sponsored by the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends, and Foundations (ALTAFF), recognizes a winning state campaign to further development of a state's citizens as library advocates and includes a \$1,000 monetary award.

SCLA was recognized for joining forces with the SC State Library, the SC Assn. of School Librarians, and other state agencies in 2010 to create a "library data day." The effort documented and photographed library activities and usage over a single day in all types of libraries. The results, demonstrating the importance of libraries in the everyday lives of SC citizens, were presented to governing bodies to support requests for library funding at all levels.

Also, when state funding of public libraries was threatened by a gubernatorial veto, librarians and library advocates utilized Capwiz, an online legislation and advocacy tool, along with a social media campaign to contact state legislators urging them to override the veto. The campaign was successful when the SC House of Representatives overwhelmingly voted for the override.

Adam Haigh, immediate Past President of SCLA, stated, "The South Carolina Library Association is very pleased to win this recognition... We consider Friends and Trustees to be extremely important components to our advocacy efforts."

SCLA was recognized during the opening session of the 2012 American Library Assn. annual conference held in Anaheim, CA in July.

## National Friends Organization Changes Its Name

Members of the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends, and Foundations (ALTAFF) recently voted to change its name to "United for Libraries: Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations." The organization will be popularly and simply known as United for Libraries. The new name is considered to be more memorable, as well as being more reflective of the broad encompassing nature of individuals and organizations who support libraries.

## State Senator Gerald Malloy Receives FOSCL's Outstanding Public Official Award

FOSCL President John Bradley honored the accomplishments of South Carolina **State Senator Gerald Malloy** by presenting him with FOSCL's **Outstanding Public Official Award** at



*Senator Malloy and his wife, Davita*

the annual meeting of the Friends of South Carolina Libraries on April 21 in Columbia. Senator Malloy, who represents Senate District 29 (Darlington, Lee, Chesterfield, and Marlboro counties), was nominated by Friends of the Darlington County Library President Lois Baldwin, Darlington County Library Director Nancy Ray, former Darlington County Library Board Chair Ken Hughes, and former Darlington County Library Director Sue Rainey.

FOSCL's Public Official Award seeks to recognize outstanding public officials who have promoted libraries through legislation, funding efforts, or who have shown support for libraries in some other purposeful manner.

Senator Malloy has a considerable track record in actively assisting public libraries. He has led the cause to channel much-needed state lottery funds to public libraries. Recently, he was responsible for securing \$250,000 in funds from the state budget as well as advocating for \$800,000 in local funding for the new Society Hill Library which was completed in July 2011 in Darlington County.

As the nomination letter states, "Senator Malloy's long-standing commitment to the mission of public libraries in South Carolina has been a decisive factor in our efforts to provide successful service to the people of this district and this state over the past decade."

## Faye Griffin Receives FOSCL's Outstanding Individual Award



*John Bradley and Faye Griffin*

At its annual meeting on April 21, Friends of South Carolina Libraries (FOSCL) President John Bradley presented Darlington County resident **Faye Griffin** with its **Outstanding Individual Award**. Griffin was nominated for her award by Fran Knotts, President of the Friends of the Lamar Library; Sherry Humphries, Lamar Branch Library Manager; Nancy Ray, Darlington County Library Director; Sue Rainey, former Darlington County Library Director; and Ken Hughes, former Darlington County Library Board Chairman.

FOSCL's Outstanding Individual Award seeks to provide recognition to individuals who support and advance the mission of the state's public libraries – a person who exemplifies a lifelong devotion to libraries through their leadership in the cause of public libraries.

Griffin's support for libraries in her community dates back to the '60's and has continued through the decades. The nomination letter cites her many accomplishments including active service on the Darlington County Library Board, spearheading the formation of the Friends of the Lamar Library, successfully advocating and securing funding for a new library building in Lamar, and then leading successful efforts to improve and expand the library's grounds and facilities in more recent years. Not resting on her laurels, Griffin is currently involved in securing funding for a second expansion of the library to include a new children's wing.

As stated in the nomination letter, "It is hard to describe the passion Mrs. Griffin has for the Lamar Library. When she is not inside participating in meetings or checking out books, you may find her outside in the parking lot picking up branches after a storm, wading through the fountain pond to keep it free of debris or collecting coins that are tossed in by residents making wishes. She is dedicated to providing a quality organization for all ages and all walks of life and is totally committed to "Lifelong Learning @ Lamar Library." Not only does she deserve the Outstanding Individual Award, Mrs. Griffin deserves a Lifetime Achievement Award for all that she has done for the Lamar Library and the Darlington County Library System."

## FOSCL Seeking Nominations for Outstanding Public Official Award

FOSCL is seeking nominations from Friends groups that are FOSCL members for its Outstanding Public Official Award. This statewide award seeks to recognize an elected official who has promoted public libraries in a meaningful way – through legislation, local or state funding efforts, or who has shown support for libraries in some other purposeful manner. In 2012, this award was presented to State Senator Gerald Malloy (Darlington County) at the FOSCL annual meeting in April.

FOSCL friends group members may nominate a public official at **any level of government** whose advocacy and support has been critical to the success of their own local library services. Such an official must have received recognition from their local library's Friends organization prior to submission for the state award.

Submit a one-page letter describing the contributions made by the nominee. Letter should include name and address of nominee, name of award, and name and contact information of the local Friends group. Letters must be signed by the president of the nominating friends board, the affiliated library director, and any co-nominators.

Deadline date for receipt of nomination letters is Dec. 31, 2012. Letters may be sent as email attachments to [FOSCLAwards@yahoo.com](mailto:FOSCLAwards@yahoo.com) or mailed to FOSCL, PO Box 11121, Columbia, SC 29211.

This is a wonderful opportunity to bestow some well-deserved recognition to an elected official in your area who has demonstrated their support for your library in a meaningful way.

## FOSCL Present at South Carolina Book Festival

As in past years, members of the Board of Friends of South Carolina Libraries (FOSCL) staffed the FOSCL exhibit booth during the 16th annual South Carolina Book Festival held in Columbia on May 19-20, 2012. FOSCL President John Bradley, Treasurer Libby Law, and Board members Helen Ann Rawlinson and Anne Schneider greeted and spoke to many of the almost 6,000 persons who attended the Festival.

Festival goers were “enticed” to stop by the FOSCL exhibit booth by the chance to win a drawing for one of the four attractive literary/food themed gift baskets donated by FOSCL Board members David Lyon, Helen Ann Rawlinson, and Paul Dove as well as two from the Friends at the York County Library. Over 200 persons registered in the drawing. The booth afforded FOSCL Board members the opportunity to inform attendees about the work of FOSCL as well as local Friends organizations throughout the state and to encourage membership in these organizations.



This year's Festival, a major program of the SC Humanities Council, realized one of the largest attendances in its history. The Festival, which is free to the public, offered the chance to hear over 90 local, regional, and national authors at presentations and autograph sessions, and to visit over 90 exhibitors.

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## From Around the State-Friends Raise and Donate Funds

**Aiken County:** In August, the Friends funded an appearance by historical actor Howard Burnham who portrayed Charles Dickens on his 1867 tour of America.

**Berkeley County:** The Friends financed prizes/gifts for children in the “Dream Big Read” summer reading program. Prizes, which were progressively earned on the basis of number of books read, included door hangers, book bags, reading medals, and t-shirts...The Friends sponsored “Twilight Tails” provided by the South Carolina Aquarium on July 24 at the county administration building. The event featured “immersive” storytelling and live interaction with animals from the aquarium.

**Calhoun County:** The Friends, along with local businesses and organizations, funded the “Read to Ride” contest to encourage summer reading for ages 0-17. 12 reading club participants were awarded a bicycle and helmet at the program’s finale on July 31. One lucky teen reader also won a Kindle Fire e-reader from a drawing that same day.

**Carolina Forest (Horry County):** The newly-formed Friends organization has started raising funds for the library with a book sale held on the first Saturday of every month at a Plantation Storage facility on Carolina Forest Blvd. The storage company donated the space to the Friends to use as a storage/drop-off/site for their book sales.

**Charleston County:** To augment their live book sales, the Friends established an online storefront ([www.shopcharlestonlibraryfriends.org](http://www.shopcharlestonlibraryfriends.org)) which offers a continuous, changing selection of new and used books, CDs and DVDs for sale. About 10,000 titles are searchable by title, author, keyword, and category.

**Del Webb (Lancaster County):** The Friends underwrote many of the programs and prizes for the library’s summer reading programs directed at different age groups. Children ages from birth to grade six participated in the “Dream Big Read” program which offered storytelling, a magic show, a hip-hop performance, a hula hoop party, and craft day. Teens 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades participated in a variety of “Teen Takeover” events at the library, including a Library Rave Party, A Minute to Win It game night, a Teen Tech Petting Zoo, and a Teen Library Lock-In...The Friends supplied a grant for a month-long program to encourage the talents of young artists. Four local artists-in-residence worked with 20 young artists to create pieces of artwork inspired by the work of noted children’s illustrators.

**Florence County Library:** The Friends, like Calhoun County noted above, helped to fund the prizes in the form of bicycles and helmets awarded to children participating in the “Read to Ride” contest to encourage reading. Other sponsors of the contest included Toys for Tots, the Marine Corps League, and Florence Toyota. The library’s contest was held during the months of Feb.-March during which time over 26,000 books were checked out and more than 350 new library cards were issued to children.

**Georgetown County:** The Friends assisted in financing a job fair which attracted 150 job seekers to the library to meet with local business owners. Job seekers also were given an opportunity to work on their resumes with a “resume doctor,” practice their interview skills, participate in mini-tutorials on online job searches, and view a business fashion show.

**Greenwood County:** The Friends operate a bookstore on the library premises to help raise funds for children’s and teen programs. Friends volunteers help to staff the library’s welcome desk to assist with book purchases, and book buyers can purchase items from the bookstore at the circulation desk when volunteers are not available.

**Hartsville (Darlington County):** The Friends helped to fund appearances by various performers, including storyteller “Sarah Dippity”, a ventriloquist, and a magician during the summer for children programs at the library. In addition, Friends underwrote the weekly prizes awarded to children participating in the summer reading program. The Friends also budget at least \$5,000 for book purchases for the library’s collection.

**Lamar (Darlington County):** The Friends successfully petitioned the Darlington County Council for \$150,000 to help expand the library by 1,200 square feet for the children's area. Faye Griffin, winner of one of this year's FOSCL Awards, presented the request to County Council. The Council approved funding half of the request in the current fiscal year and the other half in the 2013-14 budget year. The Friends are also pursuing private sources of funding for this project.

**Lee County:** The Friends benefited from the proceeds of a garage sale put together by parents of children participating in the summer reading club. On Sept. 1, parents held the sale at the library's annex. Over the years, the Friends have provided funding for the children's summer reading program.

**Marion County:** The Friends held their "Great Book Sale" during the town of Marion's annual FoxTrot festival in May. The sale was conducted in the Marion County Records Building.

**Marlboro County:** The Friends raised funds to provide an airline ticket to Washington D.C. for Jacob Evers of McColl to participate in the National Spelling Bee competition.

**McCormick County:** The Friends sponsored the library's participation in the nationwide World Book Night held on April 23. 38 students from McCormick High School received copies of Dave Eggers' Zeitoun, the title selected by the students...Appearances by mascot "Cocky" of the University of South Carolina's Reading Express and magician John Tudor were supported by the Friends during this year's summer reading program.

**Pratt Memorial (Jasper County):** The Friends have changed their book sale venue, opting to hold book sales inside the library every Wednesday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in lieu of their annual book sale. Hardbacks are priced at \$1, and paperbacks sell for 50 cents.

**Richland County Library:** On May 19, the Friends conducted one of their major fundraisers, a wine/beer tasting event - "The Literary Vine" - at the library. More than 300 attended the sold-out event which was co-sponsored by many local businesses and restaurants. Live entertainment was provided by the Dick Goodwin Quartet. The Friends partnered with the South Carolina Book Festival, with several guest authors present to discuss, sign, and sell copies of their books. Event tickets were \$30 for Friends members and \$40 for non-members. Friends report that more than \$10,000 was raised...Nearly \$20,000 in income was realized at the Friends summer book sale, with paperback books being sold for fifty cents and hardbacks for \$1. To lessen their excess inventory, the Friends held an "End of Summer" book sale for Friends members on Aug. 28.

**Waccamaw Neck (Georgetown County):** The Friends raised over \$10,000 for children's programming and the planned new library during their annual book sale held at St. Paul's Waccamaw United Methodist Church. About 85% of the 10,000 items available for sale were purchased. As in previous years, Bi-Lo grocery donated 200 reusable book bags. As a new element to the sale, the Friends added a silent auction for three valuable items...The Friends held a "Primero de Mayo Taste of Spain" dinner on May 1 to raise money to purchase new books, e-books, and computers for the planned new building. The dinner, which cost \$35 per person, was prepared by well-known chefs Jeff and Chris Tuttle of Carefree Catering. The chefs also prepared a "Fat Tuesday Feast" (buffet and cooking demonstration) on Feb. 21 for another Friends culinary fundraiser...The Friends conducted a June fundraiser, "An Artful Event Under the Stars" to raise funds for the library's capital campaign. Area artists and art collectors donated dozens of their works which were auctioned at a combination online/live auction held at the home of Rich and Carolina Drummond on June 23...Proceeds from a luncheon presentation on May 18 at the Litchfield Inn by O'Neal Smalls, author of Blessed Be The Tie that Bind, about the history of the Freewoods community, went to support the Friends' fundraising efforts for a library building.

**York County:** The Friends sponsored all four components for the library summer reading program this year, including Tiny Tots (infants/toddlers), Dream Big, Read! (ages 3-12), Own the Night (teens), and Between the Covers (adult).

## From Around the State – Friends Support and Conduct Library Programs

**Berkeley County:** Brett Lott, author of The Hunt Club and Dead Low Tide, was the guest speaker at the Friends' annual meeting held at the Goose Creek Library in May.

**Calhoun County:** The Friends annual meeting held in March offered a sneak preview of the award-winning film, "All for Liberty." Veteran actor and St. Matthews native Clarence Felder shared his experiences in making this film at the meeting. The film depicts the story of Captain Henry Felder who led campaigns against the British during the American Revolution in the area around Orangeburg, SC... The Friends, in collaboration with the library and SCE&G, sponsored a "True Crimes" book series in July. Rita Shuler, author of Small Town Slayings in South Carolina and other crime books, discussed actual crimes in SC and her extensive career in law enforcement in SC.

**Charleston County:** On June 6, the Friends collaborated with Spoleto Festival USA to host a pre-performance reception and premium reserved seating at a performance by legendary vocalist and Grammy award winner Mavis Staples. The reception offered live entertainment by local artists Rebekah Jacob and Marcus Amaker, a silent auction for rare books and gift certificates, and catered refreshments. Tickets were sold for \$60.

**Del Webb (Lancaster County):** The Friends hosted a program and book signing by local author Rick Kremer in May at the library. Kremer's debut novel is Smart Talk.

**Fairfield County:** The Friends, along with the library, the county school district, and the town of Winnsboro, sponsored the 15<sup>th</sup> annual children's "Read-In" on May 4. Students marched in the Parade of Readers and spent time reading before lunch... In lieu of their annual spring meeting, the Friends hosted the ribbon-cutting and a reception to celebrate the re-opening of the renovated library building on June 10.

**Florence County:** The Friends sponsored a program focusing on legendary Brooklyn Dodgers centerfielder Pee Wee Reese as part of the Joe Stukes History Series on May 1. Actor depicting Reese (1918-1999) spoke with a sportswriter about his career memories as well as the career of Jackie Robinson, the first African-American to play major league baseball.

**Lamar (Darlington County):** The Friends held an art show featuring the creations of local artists at the library on May 20.

**Loris (Horry County):** The Friends celebrated the publication of their cookbook, Once Upon A Recipe, on March 25 with a launch party. Those attending sampled tastes from selected recipes and were able to purchase copies of the Friends' cookbook for \$10 each.

**Marlboro County:** Over 200 attended an "Evening With Authors and Artists" sponsored by the Friends of the Marian Wright Edelman Public Library and the library's board of trustees in April. Those attending were treated to a wine and cheese reception, a steak dinner, art sale, silent auction, and live entertainment. Four authors being inducted into the SC Academy of Authors were recognized, as well as other local authors. Works by local artists were on display and available for sale.

**Newberry County:** The Friends enjoyed a record turnout of over 200 persons who attended their annual Literary Luncheon in April. Best-selling author Mary Alice Monroe spoke at the event and signed copies of her books. During the meeting, the Friends recognized one of their own –Helen Dean- who was responsible for founding the Friends organization.

**North Myrtle Beach (Horry County):** The Friends sponsored a free performance by the Long Bay Symphony Youth Quartet at the library on June 10...A few days later the Friends hosted an appearance by New Jersey author Maryann MacFadden in a program titled "Tea With Maryann."...The library's adult summer reading program, "Between the Covers" rewarded readers by awarding one "book buck" for every 5 titles read/listened to. The book bucks are redeemable at the Friends book sale.

**Oconee County:** The Friends, along with the Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail and Keep Oconee Beautiful Association, sponsored the adult summer reading programs at the library. Each participant received a bingo card with various book categories. Those completing the cards were eligible for prizes. The program was launched with a "Library Luau" in early June offering tropical drinks to those who signed up. In addition to reading, the library offered various programs for adults throughout the summer, including master gardening, quilt trails, wire jewelry class, recycling, basic photography, selling online, and book discussion of romance novels...The Friends sponsored a "Let's Talk About It" book discussion series from the SC Humanities Council on "Jewish Literature, Between Two Worlds-Stories of Estrangement and Redemption" during the spring.

**Richland County:** The Friends hosted YouTube prankster and Columbia native Charlie Todd, author of Causing a Scene: Extraordinary Pranks in Ordinary Places, on April 5. The free public event, organized by Pocket Productions, took the form of a MP3 experimental gathering which took place at Boyd Plaza located near the library... As the fourth and final session of their Southern Writers series, the Friends hosted an appearance by Michael Griffith, author of Bibliophilia, Spikes, and Trophy on April 17...South Carolina's Cowasee Basin will be the topic of a panel discussion at the Friends annual meeting on Sept. 11. The public meeting will feature panelists John Cely, author of Cowasee Basin - The Green Heart of South Carolina, Dr. Walter Edgar, and Billy Cate, Executive Director of the Congaree Land Trust.

**Saluda County:** The Friends volunteered to brighten the library by applying a fresh coat of paint to the library's interior in May...The Friends are sponsoring a new project - "Little Free Library" - a box of free reading materials for all ages with the message "Take a book. Leave a book." The first library was setup outside the Saluda Library with more sites to be established in the community.

**Society Hill (Darlington County):** The Friends latched onto an opportunity presented by the addition of a new welcome mat at the library to encourage children/teen's artistic creativity. The Friends sponsored an art contest, and the winning design now adorns the mat. Darius Campbell won the contest, which included a cash award and a gift of acrylic paints. Gifts were also given to second and third place winners.

**Spartanburg County:** As part of the local community's "Jams in the Park," the Friends were on hand during the May Jam to collect gently used books to be used for sale at the library's bookstore, Pages on Pine. Event goers were also able to sign up for library cards, listen to storytellers, and obtain information on the library's upcoming summer reading programs.

**Waccamaw (Georgetown County):** The Friends sponsored an appearance by Harold Schwartz, author of Outpost Berlin: Cold War 1961-1964, which chronicles the tales of escape attempts over the former Berlin Wall at their "First Thursday" program in May...The Friends sponsored a poetry contest during the spring. Over 150 entries were submitted.

## State Aid to Public Libraries Increased

After several years of steady reductions in the per capita allotment of state aid to public libraries, the South Carolina General Assembly passed a budget for FY 2013 which includes an increase of one third. Last year's per capita formula -73 cents – was increased to one dollar. The minimum grant to county public library systems, regardless of population size, remains at \$60,000.

Public libraries may potentially realize revenue from the state's education lottery - \$2 million in unclaimed prize money if sufficient amounts are reached in this category (this has not occurred in recent past years) and \$733,000 from "proceeds and earnings realized above the amount certified by the Board of Economic Advisors for FY 11-12." This possible source of funding will not be determined until the state's account books are officially closed.

The state's budget did not include any increases for the operation of the South Carolina State Library. (Thanks to Jim Johnson, former SC State Library Director, for supplying this information.)

## FOSCL Grant Program Offers Financial Assistance to Local Friends Organizations

FOSCL, the Friends of South Carolina Libraries, offers a "seed" type of grant program to aid in the establishment of a new library friends group or to strengthen the infrastructure of an established friends organization in order to improve its effectiveness. The grant, not to exceed \$200, is awarded on the basis of need and available funds.

Grant funds are intended to cover the following types of expenses: legal expenses for incorporation and/or to obtain 501(c)3 tax status; promotional materials; necessary publicity and meeting expenses in the formation of new groups or in the revitalization of dormant groups; training for board members; and assistance with appropriate conference expenses.

**Grant applicants must be FOSCL members.** Grant applications will be considered by the FOSCL Board during their regularly scheduled meetings held the second Friday of Jan., March, June, Aug., and Oct.

A grant application should include the following information:

Name, address, and phone number of library

Name, address and phone number of Friends representative

Name, address, and phone number of person submitting application

Names and contact information of 5 persons who will be responsible for the grant

Number of current or anticipated members in local group

Amount requested, purpose of grant, anticipated timeline, and description of any available local funding to meet this need

Applications should be mailed to: Friends of South Carolina, PO Box 11121, Columbia, SC 29211.

## National Friends of Libraries Week Slated for Oct. 21-27, 2012

The sixth annual celebration of National Friends of Libraries Week will be held October 21-27, 2012. This event is being coordinated by ALTAFF (Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends, and Foundations). Much helpful information about this event and sample promotional/marketing materials can be found at the association's web site : [www.ala.org/altaff](http://www.ala.org/altaff) . Click "Conferences & Events," then "National Friends of Libraries Week." The American Library Association (ALA) Bookstore ([www.alastore.org](http://www.alastore.org)) also offers a variety of "Friends" related items for sale.

The week provides friends, libraries, library trustees and library advocates with a two-fold opportunity to celebrate friends organizations. This special week lends an occasion to any friends organization to promote awareness of their presence in their community as well as to promote membership in their organization. Library staff and trustees can also take this time to pay some due recognition to some of their most ardent and important supporters.

As in years past, ALTAFF group members are eligible to apply for National Friends of Libraries Week Awards. Two awards in the amount of \$250 will be made to honor and recognize outstanding celebrations during that week. Visit the ALTAFF web site for more information.

A sample proclamation which can be adapted for use to be issued by a county council, city council, or state government official is reproduced below. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to let your community know about the work of its Friends group.

### National Friends of Libraries Week – Sample Proclamation

**Whereas**, Friends of the (insert name) Library raise money that enables our library to move from good to great -- providing the resources for additional programming, much needed equipment, support for children's summer reading, and special events throughout the year;

**Whereas**, the work of the Friends highlights on an on-going basis the fact that our library is the cornerstone of the community providing opportunities for all to engage in the joy of life-long learning and connect with the thoughts and ideas of others from ages past to the present;

**Whereas**, the Friends understand the critical importance of well funded libraries and advocate to ensure that our library gets the resources it needs to provide a wide variety of services to all ages including access to print and electronic materials, along with expert assistance in research, readers' advisory, and children's services;

**Whereas**, the Friends' gift of their time and commitment to the library sets an example for all in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and the betterment of our community;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved that** (fill in name and title of official) proclaims October 21-27, 2012, as Friends of Libraries Week in (city, country, state) and urges everyone to join the Friends of the Library and thank them for all they do to make our library and community so much better.

## Marybeth Evans Recognized as Excellent Public Library Employee



*Faith Line, Marybeth Evans, Elaine Stoll*

**Marybeth Evans**, Community Services Coordinator of the Anderson County Library, was presented with FOSCL's **Public Library Employee Excellence Award** at the Friends of South Carolina Libraries annual meeting on April 21. Elaine Stoll, President of the Friends of the Anderson County Library System, submitted the nomination.

Evans, who has served as the library's Community Services Coordinator since 2000, was particularly cited for her work with the Friends, coordinating the highly successful weeklong Starburst Storytellers Festival which observed its seventh year in Fall, 2011. Last year's festival featured 8 nationally/regionally recognized storytellers who perform free of charge to more than 5,000 students during school hours, nursing home residents in the afternoons, and members of the general public at evening sessions. Evans also coordinates the event's corresponding corporate fundraiser, the Starburst Spelling Bee, which last year attracted 125 participants. The 2012 Festival, in cooperation with Anderson University, will open on Oct. 14.

In addition to the accomplishments noted above, the nomination letter states, "she has been responsible for coordinating all community service, including the Friends bookstore and café, Friends special events and fundraising, community outreach activities, library public relations and publicity, volunteer management, and meeting room and program scheduling...As the face the public often sees at library events, Marybeth is a most worthy representative."

## Friends Groups -Share Your Stories & News with Us

FOSCL loves to learn about the great things that are being accomplished by Friends groups in South Carolina. If your Friends organization came up with a successful idea, program, or activity to improve your library and its services, take a moment to **share it with us** so we can share it with other groups through this newsletter.

Identify a likely person in your Friends organization who can drop us an e-mail or note occasionally to keep FOSCL informed of all the creative things you are doing. Don't imagine that it might be too small or insignificant to be of interest. For example, many programs conducted by SC Friends groups were picked up from this newsletter and featured in recent issues of the national publication, [Voice For America's Libraries](#), published by United for Libraries.

Also, make sure that FOSCL is receiving a copy of your Friends' newsletter. Please put FOSCL on your mailing list by sending your newsletter to : FOSCL, P.O. Box 11121, Columbia, SC 29211 or, if you publish an electronic edition, to [fosclnews@yahoo.com](mailto:fosclnews@yahoo.com). You can also e-mail your stories, press releases, etc. to [fosclnews@yahoo.com](mailto:fosclnews@yahoo.com).

This newsletter is published twice a year –Winter/Spring and Summer/Fall issues. If you want to have news of your completed and/or upcoming programs included in Winter/Spring issue, **please send it by Feb. 1, 2013**.

## Friends of South Carolina Financial Report Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2011

FOSCL Treasurer Libby Law presented the following financial report for 2011 at the FOSCL annual meeting in April:

<b>Balance, January 1, 2011</b>		<b>\$6,439.56</b>
<b>Income 2011</b>		<b>\$4,944.50</b>
Meetings	\$ 779.50	
Membership dues 2011	\$2,015.00	
Membership dues 2012	\$1,895.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 255.00	
<b>Expenditures 2011</b>		<b>\$7,625.92</b>
Awards	\$ 135.64	
Meetings	\$2,670.23	
Membership campaign	\$ 857.19	
Newsletter	\$1,516.25	
Professional Assn. dues	\$ 340.00	
Website	\$ 105.00	
Other expenses	\$2,001.61	
<b>Balance, Dec. 31, 2011</b>		<b>\$3,758.14</b>

## State Library Director Resigns

David Goble, South Carolina's State Library Director, has resigned to accept a position as Director of Library Services at the Citadel in Charleston. Goble assumed his new appointment on August 1.

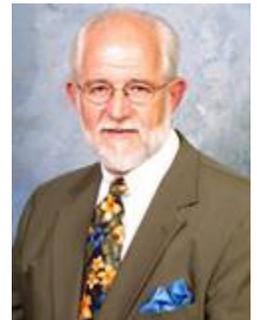
As the director of the South Carolina State Library for the past five years, Goble has guided the state agency through significant budget and staffing cuts. "David saw the mission of the State Library as optimizing South Carolina's investment in library and information services and did that with energy and skill. His belief in the importance of public libraries and their role in

solving South Carolina's illiteracy problems served the state well," said Dan Mackey, Chairman of the South Carolina State Library Board. One of Goble's signature programs was WorkSC.org, a statewide workforce development program, which enabled public libraries to help South Carolinians find employment.

Goble graduated from the Citadel in 1969 and was commissioned in the Marine Corps, serving in Vietnam. Goble spent 18 years in the banking industry before entering the library services field, earning a master's degree in library science from the University of North Carolina. Before

becoming director of the South Carolina State Library, he was dean of libraries at Central Piedmont Community College. Goble was awarded the John N. Olsgaard Distinguished Service Award by the USC School of Library and Information Science in 2011.

The South Carolina Library Board is currently conducting a search for a new library director. Leesa Benggio, the State's Library's Deputy Director, is currently serving as the library's interim director.



## It's Not Too Early to Join FOSCL for 2013

Before you get caught up in all the school-related activities in the Fall semester and the events/obligations of the coming holiday season, it might be a good idea to send in your FOSCL dues for 2013 now. FOSCL's Treasurer Libby Law is very fond of "early achievers."

FOSCL offers several membership categories which run from Jan. to Dec. Individuals may choose to join at varying levels – to be a **Friend (\$10+)**, a **Special Friend (\$25+)**, or a **Friend Indeed! (\$100+)**. Organizations may join according to their type – a **library friends group (\$20+)** or **corporate (\$100+)**.

Complete the membership form located in this newsletter and mail it in with your **tax-deductible dues**. Through your membership, you support FOSCL's programs to advance citizen support for ALL public libraries in our state. Membership dues are the sole source of funds for FOSCL operations, including this newsletter, FOSCL annual and regional meetings, and the FOSCL awards program.

Benefits of FOSCL membership include:

**FOSCL newsletter** published twice a year

**FOSCL-Listserv** to share information about Friends concerns and receive rapid notification of FOSCL events

**Discounted registration fee** for FOSCL annual meeting

Eligibility to submit nominations for the **FOSCL awards**

Eligibility to apply for **FOSCL grant program**

Membership fees and gifts to FOSCL are fully **tax-deductible**

FOSCL needs your help to spread the word about our organization. We hope that you will encourage your colleagues, friends, and fellow library supporters and organizations to join FOSCL. Your support and involvement in both FOSCL and your local library Friends organization send a clear message to elected officials, decision makers, and potential donors particularly in these difficult economic times that public libraries are valued, important resources that benefit all South Carolina citizens.

### FOSCL Membership Form

Friend \$10     Special Friend \$25     Friend Indeed \$100     Friends Group \$20    (check one)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Area Code/Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Would you be interested in serving on the FOSCL Board?**  Yes     No  
(Board meets 6x a year in Columbia, including its annual meeting)

**Make checks payable to: Friends of South Carolina Libraries. Mail to: FOSCL, P.O. Box 11121, Columbia SC 29211.**

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 Beaufort county Library  
 Berkeley County Library  
 Bluffton Branch Library  
 Calhoun County Library  
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 Central-Clemson Library  
 Charleston County Library  
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## Calendar of Upcoming Events 2012

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| <b>September</b>     | Library Card Sign-up Month. <a href="http://www.ala.org">www.ala.org</a>  |
| <b>Sept. 22</b>      | FOSCL Regional Meeting in collaboration with the Friends of the Oconee County Library. Walhalla.                |
| <b>October 14</b>    | FOSCL Board meeting. Columbia, SC: State Library  |
| <b>October 14-20</b> | Teen Read Week. <a href="http://www.ala.org">www.ala.org</a>  |
| <b>October 21-27</b> | National Friends of Libraries Week. <a href="http://www.ala.org/altaff">www.ala.org/altaff</a>                  |
| <b>October 24-26</b> | South Carolina Library Assn. annual conference. Columbia, SC.<br><a href="http://www.scla.org">www.scla.org</a> |

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| <b>January 25-29</b> | American Library Assn. Mid-winter meeting. Seattle, WA.<br><a href="http://www.alamidwinter.org">www.alamidwinter.org</a> |
| <b>April 14-20</b>   | National Library Week. <a href="http://www.ala.org/nlw">www.ala.org/nlw</a>   |
| <b>May 6-7</b>       | National Library Legislative Day. Washington, DC.   |
| <b>May 17-19</b>     | South Carolina Book Festival. Columbia, SC  |