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### *From The President*

Friends are a force with which to be reckoned. We work individually, in groups, and in concert with other community groups to improve library services. We serve on boards, we communicate to others our support of libraries, we volunteer, and we reach into our billfolds supporting membership and special event efforts throughout the year.

What do we see locally and around South Carolina for these efforts? The evidence is often seen as new books and periodicals on shelves, furniture, special programs for people of all ages, increased public awareness, and so much more. FOSCL sees the great sharing of ideas among friends that occurs at our regional meetings and annual meeting, as well as a desire by individuals and groups around the Palmetto State to do more for their libraries.

Friends are efficient and effective. Perhaps the best news is that friends can celebrate with their local communities the fact that there are 13 libraries in our state either under construction or approved for construction at this time. Though we have been through a difficult economic downturn, it is truly amazing to consider the number of new libraries.

Also, as a representative group of those who are "walking the library walk, and talking the library talk," friends represent a positive force for all that is good about libraries. As we commemorate the accomplishments, let us not rest. Let us continue our work with local friends, librarians, trustees, and community groups to maintain the forward momentum.

A sincere "**well done!**" to each and every one of you.

*Mike Burkhart*

# Library Friends Participate in Public Library Appreciation Day (PLAD)



Library friends, supporters, and librarians gathered at the South Carolina State House on Jan. 27 in support of PLAD, the annual advocacy event organized by the SC Association of Public Library Administrators (SCAPLA).

State Senator Hugh Leatherman was presented with a special advocacy award from SCAPLA for his significant support of public libraries.

Library supporters contacted their senators and representatives in the General Assembly to promote certain legislative points. These included:

1. Endorse the SC State Library's budget request.
2. Provide state aid to county libraries at the rate of \$1.57 per capita with a minimum grant of \$60,000 per county.
3. Provide \$50,000 per county in lottery funds.
4. Have Stimulus/Reinvestment funds, if available, to be distributed to public libraries.

Other legislative issues which were promoted included a provision that student loans for public librarians working in geographically-needed areas or in critical needs subject areas be forgiven and that public libraries be added to the list of public facilities able to trespass patrons who fail to observe library policies.

Additional budget requests to support DISCUS, the statewide electronic database program, and workforce development partnerships were also advanced.

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## Georgetown County Library Director Honored

Dwight McInvaill, Director of the Georgetown County Library, was recently presented with the national "I Love My Librarian Award." The award is presented annually to only ten librarians in the U.S. by the Carnegie Corp. and the New York Times. The award recognizes librarians who have had a significant impact on the lives of the people they serve and on their communities.

Among the Georgetown library initiatives and programs cited were the successful collaborative creation of the Georgetown County Digital Library ([www.gcdigital.org](http://www.gcdigital.org)) and the library's efforts to combat illiteracy by establishing book collections in 40 childcare centers and the development of a special curriculum for the library storyteller to teach basic language and motor skills to youngsters.

In response to his award, McInvaill stated, "Libraries need to continually innovate and to experiment to stay relevant and serve their communities. That is what we have tried to do at the Georgetown County Library."

## FOSCL Holds Regional Meeting in Florence



FOSCL held its fall regional meeting at the Florence County Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation Library on Nov. 7, 2009. Representatives of the Florence County Library and their Friends organization delivered a warm welcome to local library friends representing eight of the counties in the region.

FOSCL President Mike Burkhart announced a 2010 rollout of FOSCL's new Public Service Award, the first of which will be presented at Public Library Appreciation Day (PLAD) in early 2011. He also reported that FOSCL will soon announce the establishment of a FOSCL grant to help local friends to organize or to strengthen their friends group to ensure their viability (see more information in this issue).

Tracy Haisley, President of the Friends of the Richland County Public Library, spoke to the group about her organization's program efforts, with special emphasis on their successful book sales. Francie Dunlap and Mary Wiser, Florence County Library staff, talked about the "nuts and bolts" of their library's Friends success in receiving two national awards in 2009. These awards included: Friends of Libraries USA (FOLUSA) "Best Friends Award" for the Florence Friends' promotional materials on their many and diverse programs, and a Baker & Taylor Award for the Friends' "Guess What Friend is Coming to Dinner?" fundraiser event. The speakers fielded thoughtful questions and stimulated lively discussion among those attending.

Kathy Sheppard, the SC State Library's Liaison to FOSCL, provided information on the new South Carolina Family Literacy Calendar, a project of the State Library's Foundation. FOSCL was one of the sponsors to aid in publication of the calendar. Additional information was provided to those attending about the services of the SC Association of Nonprofit Organizations (SCANPO) as well as the Frances Marion University Nonprofit Leadership Institute.

Mike Burkhart noted that perhaps the most exciting announcement made at the meeting concerned the current/pending construction of three new libraries in this region of the state.

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### Publications of Interest

These three publications should be of interest to library trustees and friends organizations.

**The Complete Library Trustee Handbook**, by Sally Reed, published by Neal-Schuman, Feb., 2010. \$55 from Neal-Schumann ([www.neal-schuman.com](http://www.neal-schuman.com)). Discounts offered to ALTAFF members – contact 800-545-2433, ext. 2161 or visit [www.ala.org/altaff](http://www.ala.org/altaff) and click on "Publications."

**Even More Great Ideas for Libraries and Friends**, by Sally Reed. Published by Neal-Schuman, 2009. \$69.95; ALTAFF members, \$40. Order as noted above.

**The Librarian's Book of Quotes** compiled by Tatyana Eckstrand. Published by the American Library Association, 2009. \$22.00; \$19.80 for ALA members. Contains almost 300 quotations about the library profession.

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

**Anderson County:** The Friends sponsored its fifth annual Starburst Storytellers Festival at the main library in Oct. The event was held in cooperation with Anderson University.

**Barnwell County:** The Friends planned several events to celebrate the holidays in Dec. These included a "Make a Christmas Tree Ornament" program on Dec. 3, complete with hot cocoa and cookies; a showing of the movie "An American Girl Holiday" where girls were invited to bring their dolls and also enjoy a tea party; a bake sale in conjunction with "Breakfast with Santa" sponsored by the Friends and the Barnwell Parks & Recreation Dept.; and a showing of the movie, "The Polar Express," where children were invited to attend in the pj's and to bring along their pillows and blankets.

**Florence County:** The Friends have sponsored several book talks and author signings recently. Nationally recognized motivational speaker Dr. Ann Kulze provided a program on "Be Yourself – Only Better" on Oct. 22. Stephen Hoffius, author of *Northern Money, Southern Land: The Lowcountry Plantation Sketches of Chlotilde R. Martin*, spoke on Jan. 17. Thom Anderson, author of *Remembering Florence, Tales from a Railroad Town*, discussed his historical work on Jan. 19; and on Feb. 10, Ron Rash, novelist, short story writer, and poet, spoke at a Friends program...The national monthly newsletter, *Special Events Galore!* recognized the Friends "Guess What Friend is Coming to Dinner" fundraiser as an example of quality promotion to obtain funding...The Friends continue their collaboration with the popular Joe Stukes History Series at the library with Dr. Stukes portraying Thomas Jefferson and Martin Luther King in upcoming programs in March and April.

**McCormick County:** Bobby Edmonds, author of *McCormick: the Place*, spoke at a Friends-sponsored program at the library in Sept.

**Oconee County:** Carol Preston, former secretary to the Friends, will speak at their annual meeting on March 21 about her experiences as a volunteer Peace Corps teacher in China from 2007-2009...The Friends sponsored one of the "Let's Talk About it" book discussion series focusing on the program theme of "Key Ingredients: Food in Fiction" last fall. Such titles as *Like Water Like Chocolate*, the *Dubliners*, and *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café* were discussed...The Friends assisted with the opening of Oconee County's first homeless shelter, Our Daily Rest, by supplying a start-up library of 60 books and magazines for varying ages at the center.

**Richland County:** Friends honored Helen Ann Rawlinson, the library's Deputy Director, with their 2009 Lucy Hampton Bostick Award at their annual meeting on Sept. 27. Rawlinson was recognized for her many contributions to the library as well as to other library causes and to her efforts to support literacy and reading in the midlands area and the state. The annual meeting featured a presentation by Lane Filler, author of *Ask Mr. Smarty pants*... More than 150 people attended the program "Pinot and the Parks" in Nov. Guest sipped on pinot and hot cider while listening to photographer Jon Holloway, history author Cal Harrison, and naturalist Rudy Mancke discuss the book, *Beautiful Places: the Timeless Beauty of South Carolina State Parks*. The program was a partnership with the Friends, the SC State Park Service, and the Beautiful Places Alliance...The Friends have once again teamed up with the University of South Carolina's Southern Studies Institute to present a "Southern Writers Series" from Jan. through April. Regional authors that will speak include Daniel Wallace, Brian Ray, Percival Everett, Pamela Duncan, Robert Inman, and Margaret Maron...The Friends, along with local commercial sponsors, helped to produce the library's adult summer reading program, "Read and Relax."

**Surfside Beach (Horry County):** The Friends have been actively participating in the "Let's Talk About It" book discussion series offered by the SC Committee for the Humanities. In the fall, the Friends' program series focused on the theme "An Unsuitable Job for a Woman."

## From Around the State – Friends Raise & Donate Funds

**Bamberg County:** Friends donated \$7,500 to the library to be used to purchase books for the Bamberg and Denmark library branches. The funds represented proceeds from the Friends quarterly book sales. The Friends report that they receive regular support with moving materials and setting up their book sales from several groups of students at the Bamberg-Ehrhardt High and Middle schools.

**Charleston County:** The Friends took in \$96,000 in gross sales from their 27th annual book sale held at the Gaillard Auditorium in Oct. Approximately 7,000 persons attended the three day event which was supported by the work of over 200 volunteers. Funds are used to develop a diverse number of free library programs that are offered throughout the year. The Friends plan to hold another book sale in the North Charleston area on March 6 and 7 at the Navy Yard.

**Florence County:** The Friends will be repeating their highly successful fundraiser, "Guess What Friend Is Coming to Dinner" on March 2. This year's featured food celebrity is Chef Charlotte Jenkins, co-author along with William Baldwin of *Gullah Cuisine: By Land and By Sea*. Proceeds from this dining event help to fund the library's summer reading program...Signed and numbered prints of artist Jane Jackson's watercolor depiction of the Florence Library are being sold to benefit the Friends at \$25 each...The Friends help to fund purchase of the WinWay resume software which the library is using for their computer and resume workshops. Over 700 people attended these workshops last year.

**Hartsville (Darlington County):** The Friends recently donated \$4,000 to enable the library to purchase a new camera-based security system for the library.

**Oconee County:** The Friends recently played "Santa" for the library staff's wish list. Items purchased for the library out of Friends funds included rugs and rockers for the children's areas, tables and shelves for computers and books, and funding for special programs and staff development... The Friends also provide financial support for the children's summer reading program, licensing fees for the library's free family movies, and the library's active "Let's Talk About it" book discussion series.

**Pratt Library (Jasper County):** In response to recent local funding cutbacks affecting the library, the Friends have sponsored a spaghetti supper and silent auction in order to raise needed support as well working with the Teen Activity Council on their bake sale. Monies raised at these events will be used principally to support the children's summer reading program.

**Spartanburg County:** During the fall, the Friends helped to sponsor the library's county-wide reading program, "The Big Read," which used Ray Bradbury's novel *Fahrenheit 451* as the focus. The reading program received a large part of its funding from a \$20,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

**Sumter County:** In its fourth year, the Friends sponsored the Forrest Ray 5k run in Oct. to raise money to purchase Early Learning Stations – computer-based literacy programs and games. Over 130 runners and walker gathered at the library to participate in this fundraiser.

*"Access to knowledge is the superb, the supreme act of truly great civilizations. Of all the institutions that purport to do this, free libraries stand virtually alone in accomplishing this mission." Toni Morrison, author and poet.*

## National Friends Organization Seeks Literary Landmark Nominees

ALTAFF (Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends, and Foundations) invites interested individuals and organizations to submit suggestions to dedicate a site in their local community as a "literary landmark." The location can be special site which is tied to a deceased literary figure, author, or their work. Such dedications can serve as a newsworthy event drawing attention to your library or group and to your community's rich literary history.

In South Carolina, FOSCL successfully obtained a literary landmark recognizing poet and author James Dickey on the campus of the University of South Carolina several years ago. Among the 100 literary landmarks in the U.S. are the homes of famous writers, libraries and museum collections, and the location of literary scenes.

FOSCL is willing to partner with any local Friends organization that would like to propose a site in their community for this designation.

For more information about applying for a Literary Landmark, contact ALTAFF at 800-545-2433, ext. 2161 or e-mail [altaff@ala.org](mailto:altaff@ala.org).

## Plan to Attend FOSCL Annual Meeting April 17

Friends of South Carolina Libraries (FOSCL) will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at the Bostick Auditorium, Richland County Public Library, in Columbia. Registration and coffee will begin at 10 a.m., with the program beginning at 10:30 a.m. Lunch is included in the registration fee (\$10 for FOSCL members; \$20 for non-members).

A representative from the SC Association of Nonprofit Organizations (SCANPO) will provide useful "nut and bolts" advice for friends organizations on their structure and operations. Attendees will also be treated to an entertaining appearance by Teddy Roosevelt, depicted by Dr. Joe Stukes, a recent recipient of the Governor's Award in the Humanities. Opportunities for Friends to discuss shared interests, ask questions, and exchange ideas will be offered.

Concluding the meeting, winners of three FOSCL awards (see related article, this issue) will be announced and recognized.

Please mark your calendars for April 17 to attend this meeting and share your ideas and experiences with your fellow library Friends. Announcement of the FOSCL meeting and registration information will be mailed to public libraries and Friends organizations soon, so be on the lookout for that information. A copy of the registration form is also included in this newsletter if you wish to copy it for your use.

*"If we didn't have libraries, many people thirsty for knowledge would dehydrate." Megan Jo Tetrick, age 12, Daleville, Indiana.*

## Reduction in State Funding for Public Libraries Continues

The following article is excerpted from an article recently written by State Library Director David Goble. The article appeared in the State Library's online newsletter, *More*.

To date, the State Library has lost 9.09% of its state funding for fiscal year 2010. Over the last two years, the budget has been reduced by a third. Regrettably, public libraries of South Carolina have felt a significant reduction in state aid as a result.

In fiscal year 2008, state aid was at a record level of \$2.25 per capita with only 12 counties receiving the minimum grant of \$60,000. As I write, state aid has been reduced to \$1.32 per capita with 22 counties receiving the minimum grant.

This year, the General Assembly demonstrated their appreciation of the role libraries play in an economic downturn by making \$1.6 million available to public libraries from American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds. The primary purpose of the funds was to augment state aid. This amounted to 43 cents per capita which essentially means state aid is currently being paid at a rate of \$1.74 per capita.

Unfortunately, fiscal 2011 promises to be a difficult year as well...The focus of the Sate Library continues to be what we can do rather than what we have to stop doing.

## SC Book Festival, Feb 27-28, 2010

Library friends and book lovers across the state will want to mark their calendars for the 14<sup>th</sup> annual South Carolina Book Festival to be held Feb. 27-28 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln St. , in Columbia. This popular annual event, sponsored and organized by the SC Committee for the Humanities, offers free admission and free parking.

More than 100 authors, poets, and other presenters will be leading the free programs. Among those who will be speaking are popular women authors Dorothea Benton Frank, Jill McCorkle, and Francis Ray. Such well-known South Carolina authors as Walter Edgar and William Baldwin will be speaking as well as travel and food writers, Matt and Ted Lee. Historical novelist Robert Hicks and romantic thriller author Nina Bruhns will also be on hand. Usually, featured authors are able to autograph their books following their presentations.

In addition to a variety of lectures and round table discussions featuring writers, the Festival hosts a wide range of exhibitors in the Center's exhibit hall- publishers, book dealers, writers, and library-related groups, including Friends of South Carolina Libraries (FOSCL). Special events scheduled for Friday, Feb. 26 include the opening reception, book appraisals, and master writing classes and Sunday will offer a chance to have brunch with Festival writers.

For more detailed information on this event, including a full list of speakers and exhibitors, visit the Festival's web site: [www.scbookfestival.org](http://www.scbookfestival.org).

If your **Friends organization would like to have their promotional/membership materials displayed at the FOSCL booth, please mail** a supply as soon as possible to FOSCL, PO Box 11121, Columbia, SC 29211. Also, if you are planning to attend the Festival, please make sure you stop by the FOSCL exhibit booth to say hello – we hope to offer some prize drawings!

## FOSCL Offers New Grant to Help Local Friends Organizations

The FOSCL Board recently approved a "seed" type of grant program to aid in the establishment of a new local friends group or to strengthen the infrastructure of an established friends organization in order to improve its effectiveness. The grant, not to exceed \$200, will be 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., 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. For further information, contact Mike Burkhart, FOSCL President, at [burelly@aol.com](mailto:burelly@aol.com).

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## FOSCL's Friends Indeed Feted at State Library



FOSCL members at the "Friend Indeed" level (\$100+) for 2009 were invited to a behind-the-scenes tour of the South Carolina State Library buildings on Nov. 5, 2009. FOSCL supporters viewed and were informed about the inner workings of the SC Library for the Blind, the South Carolina Center for Children's Books and Literacy, and special collections at the library. The tour was followed by lunch with David Goble, Director of the State Library. Goble spoke to the group on "the state of the library" as well as fielding questions about library services in South Carolina.





## FOSCL Sponsor of Family Literacy Calendar

Friends of South Carolina Libraries (FOSCL) joined with other benefactors to help underwrite costs for the new *South Carolina Day by Day Family Literacy Calendar*. The calendar, funded primarily by a Library Services and Technology grant, is a project of the South Carolina State Library.

The attractively illustrated, undated perpetual calendar is intended to stimulate family reading activities. It is designed to be a tool that families, caregivers, educators, and librarians can use in the home or classroom to develop literacy skills in young children. The calendar's first printing is being distributed free to families in the targeted audience – low income families with one or more children under the age of 7, families with low literacy levels, and those with very limited resources in their communities. South Carolina scenes and information appear throughout the calendar.

The State Library plans to offer other versions of the calendar – online, Spanish language, and Braille- in the future.

Calendars may be purchased for \$10 each plus shipping. For more information on the calendar and an order form, go to the State Library Foundation's web site: [www.scsfoundation.org](http://www.scsfoundation.org). If you or your organization is interested in becoming a sponsor for future printings, contact Denise Lyons, Project Manager and State Library Foundation Liaison, at [dlyons@statelibrary.sc.gov](mailto:dlyons@statelibrary.sc.gov) or 803-734-6061.

## FOSCL Award Nominations Due by March 15

Individuals and organizations **who are current members of Friends of South Carolina Libraries (FOSCL)** are encouraged to submit nominations for three awards sponsored by FOSCL. Award winners will be recognized and presented with their awards at the FOSCL annual meeting on April 17 in Columbia.

Award information and nomination forms will be mailed to public libraries and Friends organizations in February. Deadline for submission of **nomination letters is March 15**. Nominations should be mailed (no fax or e-mail) to FOSCL, PO Box 11121, Columbia, SC 29211.

Think about persons who have gone the extra mile and taken action to advocate the cause of libraries in your community or in our state, the library employee who goes beyond the call of duty to provide excellent service in your library system, and the committed individual in your community or Friends organization who has given of their time and talents to promote and support libraries.

FOSCL's three awards are:

1. **John Landrum Advocacy Award:**  
Recognizes individuals whose advocacy, support, and encouragement have been critical to recognition of library services.
2. **Public Library Employee Excellence Award:** Recognizes a library employee who has provided superlative service to their library and their community.
3. **Outstanding Individual Award:**  
Recognizes any person who has made a significant contribution to the success of libraries or librarianship in our state.

For further information, contact FOSCL President Mike Burkhart at [burelly@aol.com](mailto:burelly@aol.com).

## SC Friends Groups Garner National Recognition

The programs and accomplishments of several Friends organizations in our state have recently been highlighted in issues of the *Voice for America's Libraries*, the national newsletter of the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends, and Foundations (ALTAFF). Included in recent issues were articles on:

**Friends of the Addlestone Library, College of Charleston** for their series titled "Fluid Talks: A Series Celebrating Beverages." Sept. 2009, p. 15

**Friends of the Florence County Library**, recipient of the 2008 Baker & Taylor Award for their fund-raiser, "Guess What Friend is Coming to Dinner." Sept. 2009, p. 12

**Friends of the Berkeley County Library**, for their collaborative program "Berkeley Reads." Nov. 2009, p. 18

**Oconee County Friends of the Library** for their inventive participation in the local Earth Day celebration. Nov. 2009, p. 18

**Friends of the Georgetown Library** for their fund-raiser event, "Diamonds in the Rough." Nov. 2009, p. 16

**Friends of the Beaufort Library** for their National Library Week celebration entitled "A World of Beauforts." Nov. 2009, p. 17

### FOSCL Financial Report , 2009 - Submitted by FOSCL Treasurer, Libby Law

<b>Balance, Jan. 1,2009</b>	\$ 5,469.71
<b>Income:</b>	
Memberships	\$2,980.00
Meeting Registration	\$ 350.00
<b>Total Income</b>	\$3,437.00
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Professional Associations	\$ 160.00
Domain (web site) registry	\$ 66.00
Grants	\$ 250.00
Meetings (incl. annual conference & board meetings)	\$ 602.68
Membership Campaign	\$ 580.01
Newsletter	\$ 1,215.82
PO Box Rental	\$ 42.00
SC Book Festival	\$ 360.00
Promotional Items	\$ 923.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 154.10
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 4,353.61</b>
<b>Balance, Dec. 31, 2009 (est)</b>	<b>\$ 4,553.10</b>



FOSCL Annual Meeting
Registration / Membership
Form
Spring 2010

What: FOSCL Annual Meeting, Luncheon, Awards Presentation
When: Saturday, April 17, 2010, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Where: Richland County Public Library, Lower Level
1431 Assembly Street, Columbia
Contact: Mike Burkhart, President (803) 649-0108

Complete and return the section below to: FOSCL, P.O. Box 11121, Columbia S.C. Make
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\_\_\_ \$10.00 Current FOSCL members \_\_\_ \$20.00 Non-members

Non-Members: \$10 of your Registration Fee can be applied
to an individual new FOSCL membership

Check a membership category: \_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_ Renewal

\_\_\_ Friend (\$10) \_\_\_ Special Friend (\$25.00)

\_\_\_ Friend Indeed (\$100) \_\_\_ Corporate Friend (\$100)

\_\_\_ Friends Group (\$20)

\_\_\_ Additional donation: (Thank You! \$\_\_\_\_\_)

Membership year is January to December. Dues are tax deductible.

## FOSCL Now Accepting 2010 Memberships – Join Today!

FOSCL Membership Committee Co-chairs Paul Dove and David Lyon would like to remind all 2009 FOSCL members and prospective 2010 new members that **now** is the best time to renew or join FOSCL. By doing so, you will receive FOSCL membership benefits for the full calendar year. With personal memberships beginning at ten bucks a year, the Membership Committee co-chairs believe this is one of the best deals out there for 2010.

Membership dues constitute the primary source of income for FOSCL and thereby underwrite the statewide and local programs that FOSCL provides and supports. As a membership organization, the FOSCL Board is comprised of FOSCL members elected to the Board at the annual membership meeting. The FOSCL Board meets each quarter to receive reports, take action on various programs and projects, and plan for future activities.

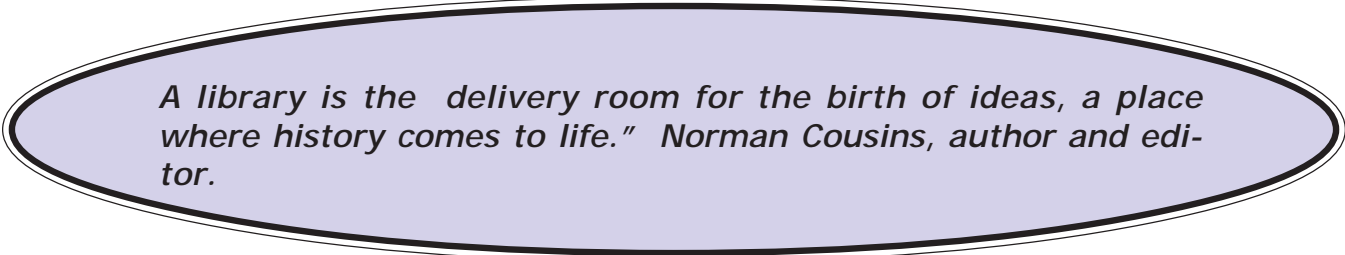
FOSCL is pleased to be one of the sponsors of the South Carolina State Library Foundation's beautiful Family Literacy Calendar. We look forward to lending our support to the annual PLAD (Public Library Appreciation Day) event at the State House on Jan. 27 and to the South Carolina Book Festival on Feb. 27-28 in Columbia (visit the FOSCL booth if you attend). Plans are being made to provide library friends and supporters with an informative and entertaining FOSCL annual program on April 17 at the Richland County Public Library.

This year, we hope to post a record membership level – and we need you to accomplish this goal. In these tough economic times, a strong library advocacy group appears to be even more essential than in previous years. FOSCL needs and can use your leadership and advocacy skills.

Local Friends organizations are also encouraged to take advantage of the "Friends Group" membership category for \$20 to show that your organization supports the purpose of library friends statewide. FOSCL would love to get 100% participation of all Friends organizations in SC.

Please refer to the membership registration form in this newsletter. Fill it out, write your check, and mail the form and your check to FOSCL **today!** FOSCL Treasurer Libby Law watches our mailbox like a hawk and opens each membership form with a glee you have to see to fully appreciate.

Thanks for your support.



*A library is the delivery room for the birth of ideas, a place where history comes to life." Norman Cousins, author and editor.*

## Calendar of Upcoming Events 2010



**January 27** Public Library Appreciation Day (PLAD). Association of Public Library Administrators. Columbia: State House.

**February 27-28** South Carolina Book Festival. Columbia: Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center ([www.scbookfestival.org](http://www.scbookfestival.org))

**March 10-11** Annual Nonprofit Conference. SC Association of Nonprofit Organizations. Hilton Head. ([www.scanpo.org](http://www.scanpo.org))

**March 23-27** Public Library Association (PLA) Conference. Portland OR ([www.pla.org](http://www.pla.org))

**April 11-17** National Library Week. ([www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org))

**April 13** National Library Workers Day.

**April 17** FOSCL Annual Meeting. Columbia: Richland County Public Library.

**May 10-16** Children's Book Week.

**June 11** FOSCL Board meeting. Columbia: SC State Library

**June 24-29** American Library Association (ALA) annual conference. Washington DC. ([www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual](http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual))

**June 28** Library Advocacy Day. Washington DC ([www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/libraryadvocacyday/index.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/libraryadvocacyday/index.cfm))

*"I would be most content if my children grew up to be the kind of people who think decorating consists mostly of building enough bookshelves." Author Anna Quindlen*

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### **Friend Indeed**

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Frances Case, West Columbia  
William Cooper, Laurens  
Nonie Price, Columbia

### **Special Friends**

Joseph Allen, Taylors  
Susan Carter Barnwell  
Susan Burkhart, Richmond UK  
D. R. Dewar, Aiken  
Paul Dove, Florence  
Deborah Hotchkiss, Columbia  
Beverly James, Greenville  
Libby Law, Columbia  
David Lyon, Rock Hill  
Lucille U. Moses  
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Anne Schneider, Columbia  
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