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From The President

Sometimes the best thing to do is take a drive.

I don't know about you, but contemplating the plight of libraries in America can become downright depressing at times, so it's not surprising, that trapped in my office, I can convince myself that the situation is hopeless.

And that's when it's imperative that I get out and drive.

Since becoming president of FOSCL, one of the most beneficial and, quite frankly, inspirational parts of my job has been the traveling across the state meeting as many Friends groups as I can. Not only has this become an opportunity for me to discover what our fellow Friends are doing, but I find that these trips are a crucial factor in rejuvenating my enthusiasm for our mission.

In January, I had the privilege to speak at annual meetings in Newberry and Bennettsville. Each of these groups is basking in the glow of a new library facility that exist today, in part due to the hard work and dedication of their local friends groups. But neither group is content to rest on their laurels. Both the Newberry and Marlboro County Friends are reaching out to partners within their community and building relationships to strengthen their presence. But really what they're doing is getting the message out that libraries aren't just about housing books; they are vibrant, vital centers of the community.

We're all aware of the gloom and doom out there, but I challenge each and every one of you that these are very exciting times for Friends groups. Never before have we had the opportunity to make such an impact on so many. But we don't have to do it alone. So get out and drive. Stop by the Newberry County Library or the Marian Wright Edelman Library in Bennettsville. They've got great stories that will inspire you every bit as much as they did me!

FOSCL Annual Meeting Scheduled for April 9, 2011

Friends of South Carolina Libraries (FOSCL) will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, April 9, 2011 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). The meeting is scheduled to end by 2 p.m.

This event offers a great opportunity for members of Friends organizations to share information about their successful programs, exchange ideas, and ask questions of their counterparts in other areas of the state.

FOSCL President John Bradley will announce and present the winner of the new FOSCL Public Official Award which recognizes an outstanding South Carolina public official who has promoted libraries through legislation, funding efforts, or has shown support for libraries in some other purposeful manner. In addition, FOSCL is currently accepting nominations for its other annual awards – Outstanding Individual, John Landrum Advocacy, and Public Library Employee Excellence. Information on the nominating process for these 3 awards (due to FOSCL by March 4, 2011) was mailed to FOSCL members in December.

Please **mark your calendars for April 9** 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.

SC Book Festival, May 14-15, 2011

Library friends and book lovers across the state! Mark your calendars for the 15th annual South Carolina Book Festival to be held May 14-15, 2011 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln St. , in Columbia. This popular literary event, sponsored and organized by the SC Committee for the Humanities, offers free admission and free parking.

Authors, poets, and other presenters will speak at the weekend event. Among those who will be presenting are such well-recognized names as Mary Alice Monroe and Patricia Pastides. Other speakers already slated are ABC political commentator Cokie Roberts, historical fiction author Susan Vreeland, gardening writer Nan Chase, and award-winning short story author Tatjana Soli. Usually, featured authors make themselves available to autograph their books in the exhibition hall 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)**. 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.

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

There are many ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all." *Jacqueline Kennedy*

Library Friends : Monitor State & Local Budget Developments, Stay in Touch with Library Directors

All library friends are encouraged to stay informed about both state and local budget developments which may potentially affect their libraries' finances in 2011-2012.

2011 is shaping up to be a very challenging year for state lawmakers confronted with anticipated budget shortfalls never experienced in our state in the past. Already, other states, such as California, are seeing state appropriations for public libraries disappear. Significantly reduced state aid support for public libraries in South Carolina was vetoed by the Governor in 2010, but overridden by the SC General Assembly. 2011 shapes up to be an even more challenging year for library financial support.

Jim Johnson, who represents various SC library associations, including the SC Association of Public Library Administrators (SCAPLA) before the General Assembly, states: "We know that there will be cuts, but please try to hold the line on State Aid which is now at 96 cents per capita with a minimum public library grant per county of \$60,000...The (House) Ways and Means Committee meets the week of Feb. 21st to make their decisions..." Johnson also notes SCAPLA is also requesting \$50,000 per county for public libraries from lottery funds.

Certainly, library Friends will need to add their voices of support for library funding and contact their local legislators as the budgetary process unfolds. Library friends should stay in close communication with their library directors in order to be informed of developments and respond to needed action.

Friends of the Bluffton Library Will Host FOSCL Regional Meeting in Fall, 2011

In order to provide members of Friends organizations with an opportunity to meet with their fellow "friends" in neighboring areas, FOSCL sponsors regional meetings in different locations around the state. In recent years, regional meetings have been held at the Calhoun, Florence, and Greenville county libraries. This year, Friends in South Carolina's lowcountry and coastal areas are encouraged to pencil in September 17, 2011 on their calendars.

The Friends of the Bluffton Library, in cooperation with the Friends of the Hilton Head Library and the Friends of the Beaufort Library, will serve as host of a FOSCL regional meeting to be held in the meeting room of the Bluffton Community Library in Bluffton, SC. More details will be announced later in the year.

Library Friends groups that may be interested in hosting a regional meeting in the future are encouraged to contact John Bradley, FOSCL President, at jcbradleyjr@gmail.com.

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, programs conducted by the **Bennettsville, Oconee, Fairfield, and Richland** library friends were picked up from this newsletter and featured in recent issues of the national publication, Voice For America's Libraries, published by ALTAFF.

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. You can also e-mail your stories, electronic newsletters, press releases, etc. to : foclnews@yahoo.com.

This newsletter is published twice a year – in February and August. If you want to have news of your completed and/or upcoming programs included in the Summer/Fall issue, **please send it by August 1, 2011.**

From Around the State – Friends Support and Conduct Library Programs

Anderson County: The Friends are sponsoring a new service, “Book News,” on the library’s web site. Users can sign-up for genre-related news and reviews of new book titles with links to the library’s catalog.

Aiken County: The Friends, in cooperation with the Aiken Genealogical Society, sponsored author presentations in January and February. Award-winning author Batt Humphreys, (Dead Weight) and Susanna Ashton, editor of I Belong to South Carolina, a collection of SC slave narratives, talked about writing and autographed copies of their books.

Berkeley County: Chef Charlotte Jenkins, owner of Gullah Cuisine in Mt. Pleasant, SC, spoke about her book Gullah, Cuisine, By Land and By Sea, at a Friends-sponsored program held in Goose Creek...For the fourth year, the Friends are sponsoring the “Berkeley Reads” community-wide reading program. This year’s theme is “Heroes.”

Bluffton (Beaufort County): Louise Miller Cohen was the guest speaker at the Friends annual meeting. An accomplished Gullah storyteller, Cohen spoke about her plans to establish a Gullah Museum in Hilton Head.

Calhoun County: The Friends sponsored a four-part “Let’s Talk About it” book discussion series late in 2010. The series’ theme, “An Unsuitable Job for a Woman,” focused on mystery novels with female detectives. Speakers for the series were provided by and funded in part by the SC Committee for the Humanities.

Central-Clemson (Pickens County): The Friends will feature local mystery author Cathy Pickens at their annual meeting in April...The Friends were busy throughout 2010 with various programs and activities, including a program by Ron Rash, author of Serena. To add to the “Appalachian feel” of this program, the YAMS (Young Appalachian Musicians) from Pickens County schools were on hand to perform. In November, the Friends were feted at a “Chocolate Friendly” reception which featured chocolate treats, chocolate facts & trivia, and classical music.

Charleston County: The Friends, the Charleston County Library, and the Lowcountry Initiative for Literary Arts are sponsoring a series of programs at the library to encourage creative writing. Monthly programs are offered for beginning fiction and advanced fiction writers. In March, author Batt Humphreys will discuss avenues for publication, entitled “Getting Ink: The Publishing Process.”...Poet Nikki Giovanni was the guest speaker for a Friends program held at the main library in the Fall. Giovanni also made appearances along with others writers at Charleston’s Capital Book Fest Event.

Cherokee County: The Friends provide free refreshments for the library’s popular “Music Sandwiched In” events at the library... The Friends received special recognition for their efforts during National Friends of the Library Week in October at a special event held at the library.

Daniel Library (The Citadel): In recent months, the Friends’ book and lecture series has featured Lowcountry topics. Dwight McInvail, Director of the Georgetown County Library, discussed the watercolors of Alice Ravenel Huger Smith. About 80 of Smith’s painting were on display at the Citadel. Other programs have included Carolina rice plantations by Travis Folk, southern gardens by Angie LeClercq (Citadel Library Director), and artistic works of Anna Heyward Taylor by Alexander Moore. An ambitious spring lecture series is being offered which will feature such well-known artists and writers as Jonathan Green, Pat Conroy, and John Warley.

Fairfield County: Dr. Joseph Stukes entertained the crowd attending the Friends Fall meeting with his dramatic portrayal of Winston Churchill.

Florence County: In January, the Friends and the Florence Convention and Visitors Bureau sponsored a presentation by William Starr about his memoir, Whiskey, Kilts, and the Loch Ness Monster, which describes the

author's literary pilgrimage to retrace the 18th century Scottish journey of James Boswell and Samuel Johnson. Starr, a former editor of the State newspaper, is currently the Director of the Georgia Center for the Book...Upcoming programs planned for the library's Joe Stukes History Series include "Remembering Cole Porter" and "And the War Came: The Firing on Fort Sumter."

Georgetown County: The Friends presented classical guitarist Peter Fletcher in concert at the library in February.

Greenville County: The Friends are sponsoring the fourth annual "Amazing Read," a community-wide reading for Greenville County. This year's chosen title is Sue Monk Kidd's The Secret Life of Bees. Kidd will make an appearance at the library in conjunction with the event's kick-off in March.

Lexington County: The Friends have launched a new web site at www.LMLfriends.org which features event photos, information, and also enables members to pay their dues online.

McCormick County: Fran Rizer, author of the popular Callie Parrish mystery series, was the guest speaker during one of the Friends' author meetings. Drawings were held for signed copies of Rizer's books... Other presenters at recent Friends' meetings have been Thom Mayer and Cherry Brown from the John de la Howe School.

Oconee County: The Friends just completed a successful "Let's Talk About it" discussion series in the Fall with the theme of "Carolina On My Mind" in collaboration with the SC Committee for the Humanities... They are planning a Spring series built around "An Unsuitable Job for a Woman"... To honor their Friends during National Friends of Libraries Week, the staff of the Walhalla Branch Library created a display about the Friends group, including an exhibit of some of the Friends' members favorite books... The Friends will celebrate their 25th birthday in March at their annual meeting, complete with cake, door prizes, and a lecture by author Susanna Ashton, Clemson University professor and author of I Belong to South Carolina.

Richland County: Friends honored Jim and Ceille Baird Welch, with the 2010 Lucy Hampton Bostick Award at their annual meeting this past Fall. The couple, who serve as official "Literary Residents" for the library were cited for their many contributions to the library as well as their efforts to promote literacy and reading in the midlands area. Featured speaker at the annual meeting was Mary Alice Monroe, author of 11 best-selling novels, including her latest release, Last Light Over Carolina.

Union County: The Friends have initiated a new awards program to recognize contributions made by their members and supporters - "Friend of the Quarter" - will be presented four times a year. Harriet Bruce was the first recipient. Bruce was recognized for her generosity in allowing the Friends to store their inventory for upcoming book sales in storage space adjacent to her store.

Waccamaw (Georgetown County): The Friends have sponsored appearances by several authors at their "First Thursdays at Waccamaw" programs. Writers making recent presentations have included Lee Brockington of Hobcaw Barony and children's author Bernie Slice. The Friends are currently sponsoring a "Classic Film Fest" at the library featuring six of the most popular films of the 1930-1950s. David Zinman, movie historian and author of 50 Classic Motion Pictures, is hosting the festival which is now in its fourth year. Friends Vice-President Dr. Eric Heiden, presented a program on "Chanukah Ain't Christmas" during the holidays which explained the traditions and stories of the Jewish religious celebration.

Williamsburg County: Conservationist Ben Mosie, author of Ramblings of a Lowcountry Game Warden and editor of A Southern Sportsman: the Hunting Memoirs of Henry Edward Davis, spoke at a free program at the library sponsored by the Friends.

From Around the State – Friends Raise & Donate Funds

AHJ Regional Library: The Friends are encouraging online shoppers to show their support of the Friends organization by joining iGive.com and registering the Friends of the AHJ Regional Library to receive a donation when shoppers make an online purchase through the web site.

Anderson County: Friends sponsor the “Starburst Spelling Bee” to raise funds to support the annual Starburst Storytellers Festival held in cooperation with Anderson University. The corporate spelling bee is fashioned after the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee with 10 teams of 5 spellers competing for a trophy. Participants representing doctor’s offices, local businesses, the University, and the library competed. In 2010, the event raised over \$7,400 after expenses.

Barnwell County: The Sandlapper League hosted “Spuds for the Barnwell County Library” in February at the Barnwell Presbyterian Church. The \$7 on-site or take-out lunch offered a loaded baked potato, salad and dessert, with proceeds being used to help the library.

Beaufort County: In 2010, in addition to their regular annual budget of \$40,000 to support library services, the Friends made an extra “leadership gift” of \$20,000 to purchase shelving for the new Beaufort District Collection Room.

Berkeley County: The Friends finance numerous recurring and special projects for the library system. Recurring programs funded by the Friends include: summer reading prizes and incentive awards, t-shirts for children who complete the summer reading program requirements, the monthly Teen Anime Club and teen library events, library promotional materials for off-site events, adult book discussion groups and other adult programming. Special requests submitted by the library director were funded by the Friends: new book trucks for several library branches, meeting room chairs, \$2,500 for audio books, program support for the Berkeley County Oral History Project, and a line item budget for library staff training and development.

Calhoun County: The Friends are selling a 15 month (Jan. 2011-March 2012) calendar, “People and Places of Calhoun County” featuring the entrants and winners of the Friends photo contest which was held in Fall, 2010. Cost of the calendar is \$10 which features many cost-saving coupons from local businesses that supported the project...The Friends are also selling individual “book spines” for a library quilt which will hang in the library. For \$100, contributors can select what name they wish to appear on the quilt. Friends estimate that they will raise almost \$4,000 from the quilt.

Central-Clemson (Pickens County): The Friends recently donated funds to purchase new furnishings for the children’s department.

Charleston County: The Friends report that they donated more than \$93,000 in the past year to help finance a variety of library events, including an average of 350 adult and children’s programs which attracted a total of 116,000 residents. Much of the money is raised from the Friends annual “That BIG Book Sale” which offered more than 60,000 items at their last sale.

Clarendon County: Proceeds from the popular annual “Pig Tales Barbecue Festival” in Manning help to support the Friends activities and programs.

Daniel Island (Berkeley County): The Friends’ “Harvest Tour of Homes” held in October raised over \$10,000 for the library. Over 300 people bought tickets to tour four beautifully decorated island homes and meet local authors such as Jack Bass and Ken Burger who were present in the homes to autograph copies of their books. In addition, tour goers were also able to take advantage of “Dine Around for the Library” by patronizing local participating restaurants that day and showing their Restaurant Pass which was included in their tour packet. These restaurants then donated up to 20% of the meal check to the library. Advance tickets for the home tour sold for \$20, with \$25 charged on tour day...The Friends also sell “I Love My Public Library” book totes at their various book sales to raise funds.

Del Webb (Lancaster County): The Friends were recently honored for their efforts in sponsoring their Used Book Shop by WSOC 9 Who Cares Award program. The award, in the amount of \$2,000 along with a crystal trophy, were presented to the Del Webb Library

Edgefield County: The Friends held their annual “Pancakes with a Princess” breakfast in December. Pancakes, sausage, and juice were served followed by story time with such figures as Snow White and Cinderella. Tickets were \$15 for children and \$5 for adults.

Florence County: Two events focusing on food served as fund-raisers for the Friends. In October, popular chefs and cookbook authors Ted and Matt Lee were on hand for the “Books ‘n Boil” celebration which featured the Lee brothers as judges of a chef competition from each of the branch libraries. The celebration also offered a silent auction, champagne reception, entertainment by the Blue Iguanas, as well as that southern staple, boiled peanuts... In March, the Friends’ popular “Guess What Friend is Coming to Dinner” will feature guest Patricia Moore-Pastides, author of Greek Revival. She will sign copies of her cookbook during a wine and cheese reception... The Friends recently underwrote the library’s first collection of e-books as part of the Jasmine Digital Library consortium which currently offers over 1,000 downloadable titles.

Greenwood County: The Friends report that proceeds from their ongoing book sales at the library helped to fund a number of programs in 2010, including appearances by a puppeteer and magician, performers and programs at the library’s “Big Read” event, a community-wide reading of Call of the Wild, as well as the “Teen Lock-In” program for students in grades 6-12.

Hampton County: To entice more customers to their book sale last fall, the Friends launched the four-day book sale with a dessert preview, followed by a cornbread and soup lunch on the two main days of the sale. Cost of the lunch was \$5. On the final day of the sale, all items were half price.

Lamar (Darlington County): Thanks in large part to the fund-raising efforts of the Friends, the Lamar Library broke ground for a 1,000 foot expansion of their meeting room and additional classroom space on January 19. The Friends secured a major grant from the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation of Florence, SC and also raised an additional \$50,000 to complete the project without any tax revenues being used.

Lexington County: In February, the Friends held their popular fundraiser, “Lexington’s Father-Daughter Dance” in the Lexington High School. Tickets were \$25 per couple, with \$5 for each additional daughter. Proceeds will benefit the children’s reading area.

Marion County: The Friends were beneficiaries of a local event “RALI (Rural Alliance Leadership Institute) Marion” which raised over \$9,000 to assist the Friends group and the Boys and Girls clubs in the area. Over 100 persons attended RALI and enjoyed the live entertainment, chicken bog dinner, silent auction, and drawings.

Oconee County: The Friends reported that they raised over \$12,000 from their various book sales in 2010. Monies were used to support a variety of library needs, including a traveling puppet theater, a picturesque carpet for the children’s room, summer reading programs, library furniture, movie licensing rights, as well as underwriting the fees associated with background checks for library volunteers. As a 501(c)(3) organization, the Friends are eligible to pay only \$8 per background check as opposed to the regular \$25 fee.

Richland County: Late last summer, the library sponsored its first amnesty fine week – “RCPL Forgives and Forgets.” Over 9,000 people participated in the event, and almost 1,400 new or replacement cards were issued during the week. Participants were invited to donate a new or gently used book to the Friends along with their overdue items. Almost 19,000 books (estimated value \$57,000) were donated for the Friends to use in their quarterly book sales, and almost 1,300 overdue library items were returned. Due to the large number of books donated, the Friends held a special Inventory Reduction Sale in October... The Friends, along with the library’s Foundation, helped to underwrite the costs of the “Quilters of Gee’s Bend” exhibition at the library.

Sumter County: On the last day of their four-day book sale, the Friends offer a great deal where shoppers can fill as many books into a bag for \$3 per bag – no limit on the number of bags.

Waccamaw (Georgetown County): The Friends tried out a new book sale venture in December by offering a two-day holiday book sale offering over 1,000 items. Unlike their regular summer sale, there was no special preview event for Friends members. The Friends 20th annual summer sale netted more than \$12,500 for the library’s children’s programs.

York County: The Friends price books at their sale by inch - \$1 per inch (measuring the height of the book stack). On the last day of the sale, books are sold for 50 cents per inch. Videos, DVDs, etc., are priced differently.

Friends of the Calhoun County Library Host FOSCL Regional Meeting

Friends representing libraries from Allendale-Hampton-Jasper, Berkeley, Calhoun, Hilton Head, Lexington, Newberry, Richland, and York counties attended a regional meeting sponsored by the Friends of South Carolina Libraries (FOSCL) on November 13, 2010 at the new Calhoun County Library in St. Matthews. Anne Shealy, FOSCL Board member and member of the Friends of the Calhoun County Library, delivered a warm welcome to the group.

The tenuous budget situation confronting South Carolina's public libraries in 2011 was addressed. Kathy Sheppard, FOSCL's Liaison with the SC State Library, stressed the vital importance of Friends' support and active involvement in the face of possible severe cuts to state aid financial support for South Carolina's public libraries in the coming state budget process. Kristen Simensen, Director of the Calhoun County Library, described the strategies that the SC Association of Public Library Administrators (SCAPLA) plans for advocating maintenance of state aid support in the upcoming legislative session. Instead of a one-time special legislative event at the SC State House as has occurred in past years, SCAPLA will coordinate an advocacy campaign targeted in different counties throughout the legislative session.

David Lyon, FOSCL Membership Chair, encouraged participants to ensure that a representative of their Friends organization serve as an ex-officio member on their library's board of trustees in order to foster cooperation and improve communications between these two organizations.

Book sales and sale strategies were a major topic of discussion. Debbie Turner, York County Library, described how their Friends group is successfully using online bookseller sites such as Amazon and ABEBooks to market their more valuable titles. Designated York County Friends volunteers research certain web sites to determine estimated values of significant titles. Turner also described their group's use of book consignment dealers and issues related to



packing and shipping of sold items. Representatives from the AHJ Regional Library reported on how they successfully combine food and book sales at their "Cornbread & Soup" events. A representative from the Richland County Public Library described their successful Amnesty Week (fine forgiveness) which resulted in the donation of almost 19,000 volumes for the Friends' book sales.

Anne Shealy, Friends of the Calhoun County Library, addressed another, often overlooked aspect of book sales – that they put books into the hands and homes of people who cannot afford retail prices. Shealy stated that their book sales are "not only a fund-raising issue, but a literacy issue in our county," noting the high poverty rate in Calhoun County. She reported that prior to the library's move into their new building in 2010, the Friends conducted a free "book giveaway" which proved to be very popular with the community. She reported on other Friends' fund-raising projects including a library quilt and calendar photo contest. Shealy said that Calhoun County government matches funds provided by the Friends to finance four library internships for teens each year to assist in job skill development.

Participants were asked about their membership fee structure and numbers. Most membership dues fell in the \$5-15 range for individuals with family memberships offered in the \$20-25 range. Membership numbers ranged from 40 to 900, reflecting population density of the various areas. Berkeley and Calhoun groups reported that they are now using Facebook to promote their Friends organization and library.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Simensen led attendees on a tour of the brand new, attractive library building in St. Matthews. FOSCL appreciates the warm hospitality and enthusiastic involvement of the Calhoun County Library Friends in staging this regional meeting.

FOSCL Board Members Address Library Friends and Trustees

Members of FOSCL's Board were busy making presentation to library friends and trustee groups in January.

John Bradley, FOSCL President, met with an enthusiastic group of Friends of the Bennettsville Library at their first annual meeting on Jan. 30. This fledgling organization, which already has a membership of 100 plus, is starting weekly book sales and is planning for a "signature" fundraising event this Fall. Genesis for forming this group came after two library supporters from the Bennettsville area attended a FOSCL regional meeting in Florence in 2009 and were inspired to make a Friends organization in their area a reality. The group also received a grant from FOSCL in 2010 to help defray expenses associated with applying for 501©3 status.

Bradley also addressed another thriving, but long-established Friends of the Newberry County Library on Jan. 23 at the Newberry County Library. The new library building in Newberry, SC was successfully funded and erected in large part due to the efforts of the Newberry Friends.

FOSCL Board members also made brief presentations about FOSCL and the importance of Friends organizations to library trustees who attended a series of workshops sponsored by the State Library around the state. During the last week in January, Libby Law, FOSCL Treasurer, spoke to the group at the Florence County Library, FOSCL President John Bradley made a presentation at the workshop meeting held at the Charleston County Library, and the State Library's FOSCL liaison Kathy Sheppard spoke to trustees attending the meeting at the Spartanburg County Library.

Make Sure You're a FOSCL Member in 2011

If you don't see your name and/or the name of your Friends organization on the membership list printed in this issue, make sure your name appears in the next issue! Don't wait, join FOSCL today!

FOSCL's energetic **Membership Committee members David Lyon and Paul Dove** have been hard at work over the last year to increase FOSCL's membership. Recent FOSCL membership mailings have specifically targeted local Friends organizations in the state as well as South Carolina's public library trustees (who should also be library friends!). Friends Presidents – we need your support to ensure that your organization joins FOSCL. As witnessed by the informative and enthusiastic exchange that occurs during FOSCL's regional and annual meetings, when Friends get together, good things happen for their libraries.

Individual FOSCL memberships are offered at three levels: \$10 to be a *Friend*; \$25 to be a *Special Friend*; and \$100 to be a *Friend Indeed*. Friends groups can join at the very reasonable cost of \$20. Dues are tax-deductible.

Mail your check payable to Friends of South Carolina Libraries to: FOSCL, PO Box 11121, Columbia, SC 29211. Use the membership form enclosed in this issue or send FOSCL your name, address, phone number, e-mail address (optional) and your local library affiliation along with your check.

Membership dues are the sole source to fund FOSCL's operations, including this newsletter, regional meetings, and FOSCL's annual conference and awards program.

For those you have already joined in 2011 – sincere thanks for your support.

2011 Membership (as of 2/28)

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(Note: If you have paid FOSCL dues for 2011 and do not find your name listed, please contact:
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2011 Membership - Join FOSCL Today!

Membership Categories:

___ Friend	\$10	Friends members participate in networking, receive The FOSCL newsletter, have access to FOLUSA resources online, attend meetings, and are eligible to nominate for annual awards.
___ Special Friend	\$25	All the benefits of being a Friend.... <i>plus the added satisfaction of giving a little more than the average!</i> Special recognition given at annual meetings.
___ Friend Indeed!	\$100	Along with above benefits, attend a special invitation-only luncheon with the State Librarian and tour the State Library!
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Calendar of Upcoming Events 2011

March 11 FOSCL Board meeting. Columbia, SC:
SC State Library

April 9 FOSCL Annual Meeting. Columbia, SC:
Richland County Library

April 10-16 National Library Week.
(www.ala.org/nlw)

May 9-10 National Library Legislative Day.
Washington, D.C. (www.ala.org/nlld)

May 14-15 South Carolina Book Festival.
Columbia, SC: Columbia Metropolitan Convention
Center. (www.scbookfestival.org)

June 10 FOSCL Board meeting. Columbia, SC: SC
State Library

June 23-28 American Library Association (ALA)
annual conference. New Orleans. LA
(www.alaannual.org)

August 12 FOSCL Board meeting. Columbia, SC:
SC State Library

September 17 FOSCL Regional Meeting. Bluffton,
SC: Bluffton Community Library

October 14 FOSCL Board meeting. Columbia, SC:
SC State Library

October 16-22 National Friends of Libraries Week.
(www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/altaff/index.cfm)