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Abstract

Greeting for the second issue of *South Carolina Libraries* by the 2015 SCLA President, Crystal Johnson of Richland Library.



It is with great excitement that I welcome you to the second issue of *South Carolina Libraries*, the official journal of the South Carolina Library Association. As an SCLA member since 2006, I am proud of the strides that the organization has taken over the years to establish a professional journal where its members and other practicing professionals can share research, initiatives, and book reviews. Thank you to the Editors of *South Carolina Libraries* for continuing to provide this platform for information sharing.

Speaking of great strides, did you know that SCLA is celebrating its 100th year in 2015? A special thank you goes to SCLA's First Vice President, John Kennerly of Erskine College, and the 2015 Conference Planning Committee for coordinating this year's conference themed "100 Years in the Making" where we will commemorate the organization through a display of artifacts, an all conference reception, and much more. This year's conference takes place from October 21st through October 23rd at the Downtown Marriott in Columbia, SC. In addition to the much anticipated keynote speakers, you will not want to miss the opportunity to network, attend professional development workshops, or present your work to colleagues from across the state.

From now until October, many of South Carolina's library professionals will be working hard to advocate for libraries and develop continuing education workshops. Past President, Jonathan Newton is coordinating this year's National Library Legislative Day and on May 5th, a group of SCLA and SCASL (South Carolina Association of School Librarians) members will visit legislators and their staff to bring greater awareness to issues affecting libraries such as e-rate funding, access, intellectual freedom, and school library



legislation. On June 18th, the Information Literacy Round Table will host the "iTeach 2: Enhance and engage!" workshop. These are just a few examples of the impact our SCLA leaders are making nationally and locally so I encourage you to visit the <u>SCLA website</u> to learn how to get involved and I do hope you enjoy this issue of *South Carolina Libraries*.

Sincerely,

Crystal Johnson, SCLA President, 2015 cjohnson@richlandlibrary.com