

Important Dates to Remember:

Youth Media Awards announced, Monday, January 23, 8 a.m.

SC Teen Services Exchange, Friday, January 27, 10 a.m.

SC Children's Services Exchange, Thursday, February 23, 10 a.m.

Lowcountry Regional Youth Services Staff Training Day, Friday, February 24, 10 a.m.

Get to Know Rebecca Antill

As many of you already know, we have a new Youth Services Consultant at the South Carolina State Library—and she is none other than YSS's own Co-Chair Rebecca Antill. Rebecca comes to the State Library from Charleston County, and she has also worked in libraries in North Carolina and Ohio. Let's get to know Rebecca a little more!

Q & A

1. Tell everyone a little bit about yourself.

I'm from a large family in Ohio, where my parents own a dairy farm. My siblings and I were all homeschooled, and raised with the belief that the library could fill everything we couldn't afford—computers to use, movies to watch, and all the books we could ever want. I earned my Bachelor of Arts, with a double major in English and History, and then my MLIS from Kent State University. My husband and I moved to North Carolina, where I worked for over three years before accepting a position in Charleston as the Assistant Manager of the Children's Department. When I'm not working, I'm usually baking or crafting or reading, or gardening with my pet bunny, Fitzpatrick.

2. What made you decide to become a youth services librarian?

For as long as I can remember, I've wanted to be a librarian. I adored the librarians at my library growing up—they were like superheroes who could always find me the right book and answer every question. I started volunteering at the library when I was eleven years old, and I just always knew that I was going to work with kids and try to pay back just a little of what was done for me.

3. What are you most excited about for your new position?

I'm excited about the opportunity to help librarians statewide, along with getting to visit all their libraries and see what they're doing for their communities!

4. What is your favorite book and why?

Whenever I'm forced to choose just one book as a favorite, I have to say *Sunshine*, by Robin McKinley. It's about baking and vampires, does it get any better?

5. Where is your favorite place in the world and why?

Scotland, because it's truly just like the books describe. Beautiful and lonely and historic and haunting, and I'm 99% sure I saw the Loch Ness monster when I visited there years ago.



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Meet Your New YSS Board

Welcome to the new YSS Board members!

Returning to serve YSS for a second year, Rebecca Antill and Tina Chenoweth will be our Co-Chairs. Rebecca is the new Youth Services Consultant at the South Carolina State Library. Tina is the branch manager at the St. Stephen branch of the Berkeley County Library System.

Bridget Ward is joining YSS as our Vice Chair. Bridget is the Children's Services Manager at the Otranto Road Regional Library of the Charleston County Public Library.

Jennifer Simmons is coming on board as the secretary of YSS. Jennifer is a Youth Services Librarian at the Anderson County Public Library.

Let's all say a big THANK YOU to Rebecca, Tina, Bridget, and Jennifer for taking on a leadership role in YSS. If you have any questions about YSS events or activities, or about youth services in South Carolina in general, please don't hesitate to reach out to one of them!



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2016 SCLA Conference Highlights

Thank you to all our YSS members for a wonderful SCLA conference! We had nine sessions related to youth services, all of which had excellent attendance, as well as fun a Guerrilla Storytime. Many YSS members and conference attendees stopped by the YSS booth for a chat, a photo-op, or some button making. It was lots of fun to connect with youth services staff from around the state and to share knowledge and ideas. Highlights from the conference include:

- A discussion of interlibrary collaboration by BriAnne Baxley of Berkeley County and Tina Chenoweth, formerly of Dorchester County
- Bring-Your-Own-Craft (BYOC), moderated by Rebecca Antill and Susan Davidson of Charleston County, with great craft ideas for all ages provided by librarians from Richland, Lexington, and York Counties, as well as Cherryvale Elementary School
- A discussion of collaboration between public and school libraries, led by Pamela Hoppock of the State Library and BriAnne Baxley of Berkeley County
- A fabulous explanation and demonstration of Richland Library's kinesthetic storytimes by Heather McCue and Sarah Shuster
- Great ideas for out-of-the-ordinary youth programming from Rebecca Antill of Charleston County, Alisha Polkowsky of Lexington County, and Jennifer Simmons of Anderson County
- A wonderful primer on puppet shows in the library by Devon Andrews and Joanne Stebbins of Charleston County
- A look into a successful Summer Reading program incorporating STREAM with Lori Cook and Jim Staskowski of Richland County
- An insightful, participatory look at sensory storytimes by Brenda Parker of Lancaster County
- A review of Lexington County's successful Teen Job Fair by Alisha Polkowsky of Lexington County and Pamela Hoppock of the State Library

If you weren't able to make it to the conference this year, or you missed one of these sessions, ask your YSS team for notes from the programs or contact information for the presenters.

And remember: it's never too early to start thinking up ideas for next year's conference!



Looking to 2017



Mark your calendars for these upcoming youth services events!

Teen Services Exchange

Friday, January 27
South Carolina State Library, Columbia, SC

Children's Services Exchange

Thursday, February 23
Columbia Museum of Art, Columbia, SC

Lowcountry Regional Youth Services Staff Training Day

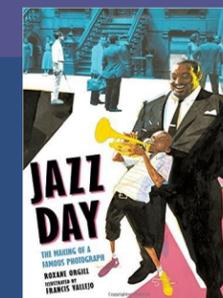
Friday, February 24
Charleston, SC (Location TBD)

Stay tuned for more information about these events. We hope you'll join us and other youth services staff members from around the state to attend these exciting programs!

Book Review Corner

Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous Photograph By Roxane Orgill (2016)

In 1958 graphic designer Art Kane came up with a cool idea to celebrate jazz music: gather a group of jazz legends and take their photograph. *Jazz Day* tells the story of the day that photograph was taken, as well as the musicians captured in it, through poems and lively illustrations. This book radiates the carefree spirit of the famous photograph and the musical legends it features, while also providing a fascinating history lesson in its biographies and back matter.



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