

Jimmy Newsom Signature Award

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Darlington County Library System Receives the 2012 Jimmy Newsom Signature Award The Darlington County Library System received the Darlington County School District's 2012 Jimmy Newsom Signature Award at its annual Education Forum on December 7th. The Jimmy Newsom Signature Award was created in 1998 by the district's Teacher Forum to honor former district superintendent, Jimmy Newsom. Each year, the recipient of the award is selected by the members of the Darlington County Teacher Forum. The Darlington County Teacher Forum is a teacher leadership organization composed of the 23 school Teachers of the Year, Outstanding First Year Teachers, and current and former District Teachers of the Year. The award is presented to an individual or organization that positively impacts the students, teachers, and schools of Darlington County School District. In presenting the award, Mr. Newsom noted "the libraries of the Darlington County Library System are the hearts of each community they serve. While they provide services for everyone, it is for their extraordinary services to the children of Darlington County that earned this year's Jimmy Newsom Signature Award. These services include story times, afterschool clubs, family movie nights, resource programs, and test preparation. The media specialists at the libraries assist the students of Darlington County with homework and teach research skills, computer skills and more. The library system works closely with the Darlington County School District to promote literacy by supporting school reading programs and ensuring appropriate books for school Accelerated Reader programs, required summer reading, and summer reading programs are readily available. The Darlington County Library System support the students and teachers of the Darlington County School District and actively seeks new ways to promote literacy at all levels." The award was presented by Mr. Newsom (right) to the Library's Board President Ken Hughes (left) and Director Jimmie Epling. [Click here for the Darlington County School District's article.](#) [Click here for the Hartsville \(SC\) Messenger article.](#)