

About Us

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The Darlington County Library System is your place for information, insight, inspiration, and innovation. The Library offers a wide range of services, programs, and collections for all ages. Last year alone, nearly 300,000 visitors came to our libraries to borrow over 320,000 items, attend over 1,500 programs, and use the Internet accessible computers over 162,000 times. The Library offers adult and children's books, e-books, audiobooks, e-audiobooks, DVDs, CDs, and videocassettes. The Library provides free access to research resources available 24/7 through our website. DISCUS is South Carolina's Virtual Library for 24/7 free access to an online library of thousands of databases, newspapers, magazines, and books. The Library subscribes to hundreds of magazines has something for all ages and many interests. These magazines are available for borrowing. The Library has local newspapers, some dating back decades. Free Internet access is available through 61 public computers scattered across the system. Also, free WiFi is available at all locations of the Library. The Library offers programs for children, teens, adults, and families. Check with your local branch for offerings and dates and time. The Library has locations in Darlington, Hartsville, Lamar, and Society Hill. The System's administrative offices are located in Darlington. The Library is governed by an eight-member Board of Trustees appointed by the Darlington County Council. It meets the third Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. Most of the library's funding is allocated by County Council. Some funding is received directly from the State of South Carolina through per capita funding. Our Friends' organizations contribute significantly to our operations as do customer donations. The Library is part of the Palmetto Polaris Library Consortium. It is made up of six members: Darlington, Dillon, Georgetown, Marion, Marlboro, and Sumter Counties. The integrated system allows our customers have access to a combined collection of over 850,000 items, including e-books and e-audiobooks.