

# Lamar Friends of the Library

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Faye Griffin Receives FOSCL's Outstanding Individual Award At its annual meeting on April 21, Friends of South Carolina Libraries (FOSCL) President John Bradley presented Darlington County resident Faye Griffin with its Outstanding Individual Award. Griffin was nominated for her award by Fran Knotts, President of the Friends of the Lamar Library; Sherry Humphries, Lamar Branch Library Manager; Nancy Ray, Darlington County Library Director; Sue Rainey, former Darlington County Library Director; and Ken Hughes, former Darlington County Library Board Chairman. FOSCL's Outstanding Individual Award seeks to provide recognition to individuals who support and advance the mission of the state's public libraries – a person who exemplifies a lifelong devotion to libraries through their leadership in the cause of public libraries. Griffin's support for libraries in her community dates back to the '60's and has continued through the decades. The nomination letter cites her many accomplishments including active service on the Darlington County Library Board, spearheading the formation of the Friends of the Lamar Library, successfully advocating and securing funding for a new library building in Lamar, and then leading successful efforts to improve and expand the library's grounds and facilities in more recent years. Not resting on her laurels, Griffin is currently involved in securing funding for a second expansion of the library to include a new children's wing. As stated in the nomination letter, "It is hard to describe the passion Mrs. Griffin has for the Lamar Library. When she is not inside participating in meetings or checking out books, you may find her outside in the parking lot picking up branches after a storm, wading through the fountain pond to keep it free of debris or collecting coins that are tossed in by residents making wishes. She is dedicated to providing a quality organization for all ages and all walks of life and is totally committed to "Lifelong Learning @ Lamar Library." Not only does she deserve the Outstanding Individual Award, Mrs. Griffin deserves a Lifetime Achievement Award for all that she has done for the Lamar Library and the Darlington County Library System. Source: Friends of South Carolina Libraries. Summer/Fall 2012 [http://www.foscl.org/Elements/2012\\_Summer\\_Fall.pdf](http://www.foscl.org/Elements/2012_Summer_Fall.pdf) Support the Friends of the Lamar Library Written by Administrator The Friends of the Lamar Library was formed to foster closer relations between the Library and the community it serves. It assists the Library by providing volunteers, helping raise funds, promoting library programs within the community, providing a channel for individuals and organizations to express ideas, and making suggestions for library use and services. Membership is open to the public. Anyone may join after paying a small yearly membership fee. The Lamar Library has membership forms. The current President of the Lamar Friends of the Library is Fran Knotts.