

Library Service in Darlington County 2017

Four Locations

Darlington	15,000 square feet
Hartsville	20,620 square feet
Lamar	6,200 square feet
Society Hill	4,400 square feet

Service

Public service hours open	11,024
Registered customers	40,607
Number of visitors	265,628
Items loaned	293,857
Public use computers	63
People using computer	59,596
Wireless network users	16,776
Questions answered	33,491

Programs

Adult	2,519 attendees	352 events
Teens	691 attendees	99 events
Children	28,094 attendees	1,487 events
Meeting room use	2,375 bookings	

Collections

Books & printed materials	247,751
DVDs & other video materials	13,161
Audio books, CDs, & other audio materials	5,573
E-audio recordings	1,388
E-books & e-magazines	4,488
Online databases available 24/7 through DISCUS & DCLS	53

Budget

Major revenue sources	
Local	\$1,297,556
State Aid	\$140,979
Major operating expenditures	
Staff	\$971,224
Materials	\$162,597

Return on Investment (ROI)

**\$5.30 for every
\$1 investment**

Darlington County Library System Locations



Darlington Library

204 N. Main Street
Darlington, SC 29532
Phone 843-398-4940

Hartsville Memorial Library

147 West College Avenue
Hartsville, SC 29550
Phone 843-332-5115

Lamar Library

103 East Main Street
Lamar, SC 29069
Phone 843-326-5524

Society Hill Library

114 Carrigan Street
Society Hill, SC 29593
Phone 843-378-0026

Visit our "Digital Branch" at
darlington-lib.org
for a world of information, training,
e-books, and fun



Our Service Goal

*To be your place in a diverse
and vibrant community for
ideas, insight, inspiration, and
innovation!*

*Is Becoming a
Public Library
Trustee
Right for You?
Yes!*



*Join the Darlington
County Library System
Team and Make a
Difference in
YOUR Community*

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Is becoming a public library trustee right for you? **YES!**

- **Be part of a vibrant and innovative service in the community, the Darlington County Library System**

The Darlington County Library System is an important part of the community. It is without a doubt the only organization in the county that is open to everyone without question, serving the entire community.

- **Make a contribution to your community**

Being a Library Trustee shows you care about your community. You have a desire to give something back to it.

- **Make a powerful difference in the community**

Use your unique combination of experience and skills to help guide the Library in making your county a better place to live.

- **Represent your part of the community and have its voice heard**

The Library's eight Trustees are a vital link to the community for the library. Being a Trustee assures those living in your part of the community are served by the Library.

- **Develop new skills and gain valuable experience**

Work with a dedicated team to face challenges and develop the best ways to solve them. Hone your leadership and people skills through Board service.

- **Work with a dedicated team and make friends with people who share an interest with you**

Join a team of committed people who share your devotion to the Library and the community.

- **Celebrate the successes you and others have helped to bring about at the Library that will benefit your community**

Working together with others to overcome challenges will give you a sense of community pride, fulfillment, comradeship, and team spirit.

- **Have fun!**

The Library is a fun place to be and offers many chances to become involved in its activities to everyone.

What are the qualifications needed to become a Darlington County Library System Trustee?

- A love of the community
- Imagination, an open mind, eagerness, initiative, good will, and a respect for the opinions of others
- A willingness and curiosity to learn and grow as an individual and as part of a team
- Interest in how the Library can best meet the community's needs
- A legal resident of the county
- An ability to attend board meetings lasting about 1-2 hours
- A willingness to oversee the general overall operations of the Library
- A recognition of the diverse needs of the community
- A recognition of the Library's importance as a center of the community for information, culture, recreation, and continuing education
- An ability to communicate effectively with fellow Trustees, the staff, and the community
- Support the mission and goals of the Library
- Promote the Library's programs and services in the community
- Be an advocate for the Library with leaders in the community, state, and nation

Interested?

If you would like to learn more about becoming a member of the library Board of Trustees, contact your County Council member or Director Jimmie Epling today!

An application to be considered for a seat on the Board may be found on the County's website, darcosc.com (under "How Do I?", "Online Forms," and "County Council") or by going to the Library's website, darlington-lib.org, under "About Us" and "Library Board."