

# Library Service in Darlington County 2023

## 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	31,664
Number of visitors	117,516
Items loaned	161,680
• Books & print	247,751
• DVDs & other videos	13,161
• Audio books & other audios	5,573
• E-audio recordings	1,388
• E-books & e-magazines	4,488
Public use computers	63
People using computer	20,106
Wireless network users	327,862
Questions answered	20,908
Program & Attendance	
• Adult	1,301 @ 206 events
• Teens	135 @ 27 events
• Children	18,108 @ 541 events
• Intergenerational	1,182 @ 69 events
Meeting room use	1,157 bookings

## Collections

• Books & print	282,763
• DVDs & other videos	18,676
• Audio books & other audios	7,631
• E-audio recordings	3,824
• E-books & e-magazines	7,856
Online databases available	
24/7 through DISCUS & DCLS	74

## Budget

Major revenue sources	
Local	\$1,681,433
State Aid	\$150,000
Major operating expenditures	
Staff	\$1,076,274
Materials	\$195,331

# Darlington County Library System Locations



## Darlington Library

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

## Hartsville 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](http://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*

Darlington County  
Library System  
204 North Main Street  
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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.net](http://darcosc.net) (under "How Do I?", "Online Forms," and "County Council") or by going to the Library's website, [darlington-lib.org](http://darlington-lib.org), under "About Us" and "Library Board."