



The Darlington County Library System is your place for ideas, insight, inspiration, and innovation. The Library serves a population of over 68,800 residents and welcomes more than three hundred thousand visitors each year. Discover more about the Darlington County Library System at darlington-lib.org or visit one of our four locations, Darlington, Hartsville, Lamar, and Society Hill.

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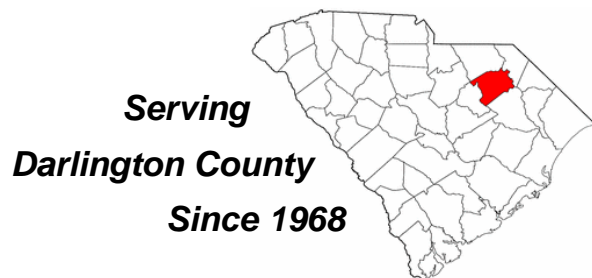
Society Hill

114 Carrigan St. Society Hill, SC 29593
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Website

www.darlington-lib.org

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DARLINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM


STRATEGIC PLAN

2015 AND BEYOND



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STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2015 AND BEYOND



The Library is more than a collection of books, DVDs, CDs, e-books, magazines, newspapers, and databases. It is a place where lives are enriched through the variety of collections, programs, and services we offer. To continue to do this, we must always look into the future to anticipate what the residents of Darlington County will want and need.

In 2014, the Library Board and staff began to develop a strategic plan that will carry it through 2017 and maybe beyond. The plan was completed at the beginning of 2015. The plan is our guide to deliver to you the best possible Library collections, services, and programs. Here are the plan's highlights.

WE VALUE

Excellence in Service

The Library is committed to providing excellent collections, services, programs, and outreach to meet the needs of all the residents of Darlington County's communities.

Creativity and Innovation

To stay relevant to the changing needs and interests of the residents of Darlington County, the Library encourages visionary ideas, creativity, innovation, adaptability, and commitment to excellence.

Dedication and Accountability

Meeting the needs of all the residents of Darlington County requires the Library's staff to conscientiously work towards making the Library the best with resources entrusted for the Library's use.

Leadership and Collaboration

Moving the Library forward to meet the ever changing needs of the community requires outstanding and dynamic leadership willing to seek out new opportunities for collaboration to improve Darlington County.

OUR MISSION

The Library System is your place for information, insight, inspiration and innovation in the community.

GOALS FOR 2015 TO 2017

- Create, develop, and offer collections, services, and programs that keep the Library an integral and relevant part of the community.
- Create, develop, and offer Library collections, services, and programs targeted toward those segments of our community that are underserved and underrepresented.
- The System will present the Library as a positive, integral, and relevant institution in the county.
- Design spaces that are people oriented, flexible, welcoming, and engaging at all facilities.
- Develop, deploy, and maintain technology that is current and relevant to meet the needs of the residents of Darlington County.
- Improve the organizational health of the Library by creating a new corporate culture emphasizing initiative, creativity, flexibility, adaptability, cross-training, and performance standards.
- Build a Board of Trustees that is dedicated to maintaining an outstanding, dynamic leadership that will take the Library in new directions.
- Strengthen and expand funding for capital improvement, equipment, technology, staffing, and maintenance.

THE LIBRARY IN 2020 AND BEYOND

Our vision is to be the 'in' place for information, insight, inspiration and innovation in the community.

To realize our vision, the Library must continually change to meet the community's aspirations and desires in the next decade. The ability of the Library to effectively and efficiently manage its resources, to build meaningful partnerships with other organizations, and to respond to opportunities and challenges with a vision and confidence will make the difference between success and failure in our mission.

Future economic, demographic, and technological changes will have an impact on the community and the Library. There are many possible directions the Library can go to meet the needs of the residents of Darlington County in the years to come. In what directions do you believe the Library should go?

***For more details on our strategic plan, go to
www.darlington-lib.org***