

SPARTANBURG COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Spartanburg’s first Library opened in 1885, 125 years ago, on Morgan Square. The Headquarters and nine branch libraries including the Bookmobile, Home Delivery and the Libraries’ online digital library meet the information and educational needs of the County through a comprehensive slate of services. Over 90% of Spartanburg County’s population lives within 5 miles of a public library; over 1.7 million items were checked-out; 1.3 million patrons visited the Library for services including programs, meeting rooms and reader services; and 1.1 million patrons used the Library’s online digital resources. The current economy has positioned the Library to focus on career and job skill training as well as interviewing, resume writing and “how to” sessions on completing a job application and conducting yourself in an interview. The Library’s role in workforce development is important to meeting the needs of our County’s unemployed.

FUND NUMBER: 66	SPARTANBURG COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM					
FUNDING SOURCE(S)	FY 2006/07 ACTUAL	FY 2007/08 ACTUAL	FY 2008/09 ACTUAL	FY 2009/10 BUDGET	FY 2010/11 BUDGET	INC/DEC FY 11 - 10
County Library System Fund	10,574,396	11,624,524	11,285,765	11,685,136	11,582,316	(102,820)
EXPENDITURES						
Total Expenditures	10,574,396	11,624,524	11,285,765	11,685,136	11,582,316	0 (102,820) 0
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$10,574,396	\$11,624,524	\$11,285,765	\$11,685,136	\$11,582,316	(\$102,820)
AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL	0	0	0	0	0	0

FY 2010/11 Budget Highlights & Initiatives

- The FY 2010/11 proposed budget includes a recommended operational millage adjustment of growth plus the change in the consumer price index (CPI) equaling 1.5%.

This past year the Library began a thorough long-range planning process. From this planning process a new Vision, Mission and Goals and Objectives have emerged.

Vision: The Library envisions creating a culture of lifelong learning by connecting people, ideas and information resulting in a community pursuing positive change

Mission: Create-Connect-Change

Goals

Programs	To address community needs and interests through programs that engage, educated and entertain
Staff	Select and develop competent staff whose goal is quality public service
Collection	Create and deliver dynamic collections that connect people, ideas, information and preserve the historical record
Environment	Provide an accessible and welcoming environment

These objectives stem from a self-study that included input from Library patrons as well as non-library users. These examples are a sampling of objectives which will guide the Library to attain each of the stated goals.

Objectives:

- Evaluate everything. Refine and focus the delivery of services through constant and consistent evaluation with an eye towards cost effectiveness and positive societal impact
 - Actively seek input from library patrons as well as non-library users. The library will conduct feedback surveys at each location on a monthly basis. Secure input from non-library users two times a year.
 - Evaluate each program offered at each Library. Staff and the public will evaluate the effectiveness of programs and offer input for improvement.
 - The Library will continue to abandon ineffective programming and collection purchases.
 - Continue to use the services of the Appalachian Council of Governments (ACOG) to conduct cost/benefit analyses of internal procedures and organizational structure. Previous studies have eliminated positions, redeployed staff and sharpened organizational focus.
- Implement RFID material security system throughout each of the Libraries.
 - Reduction in theft rate of the Libraries’ overall collection
 - RFID allows patrons to conduct their own transactions. RFID gives SCPL the flexibility to redeploy staff to meet growing patron demand for programming and reader services.
- Workforce development and continuing education to enhance the skills of Spartanburg County’s workforce and job seekers.
 - Continue to provide job training and skill development. Assess current program offerings and build new programming based on the needs of our patrons
 - Incorporate fast-track GED services at branch locations using the services of the Adult Learning Center
- Local History Program and Collection Development
 - Assess current historical collections
 - Acquire locally significant collections which represent Spartanburg County’s diverse past
 - Continue the Library’s digitization program which makes available historical and research information through the Library’s digital library ([www. infodepot.org](http://www.infodepot.org).)
 - Build programming around current historical collections(audio, video, photographic and print)

Function or Division	Description	Percent of Budget
Personnel Services	Library Staff to provide direct and operational services at each of the Libraries’ locations. Services include Library programs, collection development, reader’s advisory and day-to-day operational tasks.	67%
Information Resources	Materials including books, databases, DVDs, audio CDs, magazines, newspapers, microfilm, downloadable materials, digital collections and associated maintenance including bibliographic services, conservation and preservation	19%
Other Operating Expenses	Operational costs including facility related expenses, printing, supplies and programming for Library patrons. Programming includes workforce development, traditional story times, teen as well as adult programs	14%

