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Richland Library Friends and Foundation Announces 2018 Recipients

Columbia, SC- The **Richland Library Friends and Foundation** is calling attention to the achievements of two women for their commitment to libraries and literacy. It's **proud to announce Cindi Boiter as the 2018 recipient of the Lucy Hampton Bostick Award and Denise Gadson as the 2018 recipient of the Ethel Bolden Minority Scholarship.**

From freelance writing for 20 years and publishing an award-winning book of short stories to founding and editing arts-based Jasper Magazine, **Cindi Boiter** is devoted to promoting literacy and fostering its growth.

The Lucy Hampton Bostick Award offers a custom, hand-blown glass award and cash honorarium while recognizing a South Carolina author, someone who has written a significant literary work on South Carolina, or someone in the Midlands who has significantly advanced the interest in books or libraries. A long-time head librarian in Richland County and former Richland Library director from 1928-1968, Bostick is credited with fostering interest in Southern literature and history, improving cultural life in Columbia, and promoting library appreciation throughout the state.

Transitioning from a background in English to a library media specialist, **Denise Gadson** is looking to further her education along with reigniting a love of reading for others and satisfying their curiosity for knowledge.

The Ethel Bolden Minority Scholarship provides \$3,500 in financial support for students from underrepresented ethnic and racial groups, who are working toward the completion of a Master of Library and Information Science degree at the University of South Carolina. In 2010, the scholarship emerged to honor and recognize Bolden's years of service to the Richland County community and its libraries.

The Richland Library Friends and Foundation plans to formally recognize Boiter and Gadson during a reception in 2019.



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About Richland Library Friends and Foundation

The Richland Library Friends and Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, governed by a [Board of Trustees](#), whose mission is to support Richland Library by raising awareness and financial support.



Cindi Boiter



Denise Gadson