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RICHLAND LIBRARY RECEIVES FUNDING TO BUY AEDS

Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Awards \$16,000+ Grant

Columbia, SC- In an effort to save lives, **Richland Library is receiving a more than \$16,000 grant from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to purchase automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and accessories to equip all of our locations.** Staff will install the new devices through the beginning of April.

AEDs will allow our Safety and Security Department to protect the more than 40,000 individuals who visit our library locations each month, as well as our nearly 1,000 staff members and volunteers. The new devices will provide immediate medical assistance to cardiac arrest victims. According to the American Heart Association, immediate CPR or AED use can double - even triple - survival rates.



Courtesy Richland Library

In addition, designated library staff are taking part in First Aid/CPR/AED training and obtaining a two-year certification to ensure they are able to quickly and efficiently operate the equipment in the event of an emergency.

Richland Library's Safety and Security Department is proud to accept this grant - the first one ever in the department's history. Consisting of a 12-year veteran police officer who supervises 14 full-time and 13 part-time positions across the library system, the department monitors library locations to maintain a safe, secure and welcoming environment.

For questions, please contact Emily Stoll at 803-587-3637 or email estoll@richlandlibrary.com.

About Richland Library

Awarded the National Medal in 2017 by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Richland Library is a vibrant, contemporary organization that provides resources and information that advance the Midlands. Offering state-of-the-art technology, a variety of literary and cultural programs and 12 bustling facilities located throughout the county, Richland Library provides a truly customizable, modern library experience for residents and visitors alike.



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About Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation

In 2005, the Firehouse Subs founders established the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation with the mission of providing funding, lifesaving equipment, and educational opportunities to first responders and public safety organizations. Through the non-profit 501(c)(3), Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation has granted more than \$40 million to hometown heroes in 48 states, Puerto Rico and Canada, including more than \$1.6 million in South Carolina.

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