



# COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

2023

# A Letter from the Director

While we are three years past the start of a global pandemic, our world is facing a new epidemic. Communities across the United States are facing a crisis of loneliness.

Even before COVID19, we were more isolated than ever before, less connected to our neighbors and spending more time with our devices and less time with our friends. Across ages and demographics, the impacts of social isolation on mental and physical health are well known, but the impacts, as documented in the U.S. Surgeon General's report, "Our Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation," are far-reaching, negatively impacting economic mobility, educational outcomes, and safety. <sup>1</sup> Lower job performance, less innovation, high-turnover rates can be indicators of employees who feel isolated and unsupported. When citizens don't feel connected to neighbors or proud of their neighborhoods, they are more likely to experience a rise in violence. Children without positive social connections can struggle to learn and function well in school.

While Richland Library's mission is to help you learn, create and share, the staff, our partners, and volunteers, also want you to connect. Richland Library serves as critical social infrastructure, bridging citizens across demographics and strengthening social connections. We do this when we:

- Host over 300 people for beloved authors (and Richland Library fans!) Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray to discuss their book, *The First Ladies*.
- Make it easier for people to express themselves creatively by creating a new print and design studio at our Eastover location.
- Welcome over 500 people to Overdue for a night of socializing and artmaking.

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<sup>1</sup> Office of the Surgeon General. (2023, May 3). *Our Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation*. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. [hhs.gov/sites/default/files/surgeon-general-social-connection-advisory.pdf](https://hhs.gov/sites/default/files/surgeon-general-social-connection-advisory.pdf)



- Serve 5,944 people in need of essential services, through the expertise and kindness of our library social workers.
- Deliver books, resources, and services for learning to 1,541 homebound adults and 16,648 early learners and students.
- Provide space and resources for small businesses and entrepreneurs to connect and share ideas through our partnership with One Million Cups.

Of critical importance to us in this work is our commitment to being an inclusive and welcoming place for all of Richland County's citizens. The Surgeon General's report reminds us that ethnic and racial minority groups, LGBTQ+ individuals, and "those who experience discrimination or marginalization" are more susceptible to loneliness and all its detrimental effects.

The generosity of time, the commitment of finances, and the donation of talents from individuals and organizations alike, help us strengthen our work as a social connector. I thank you, so much, for your trust in us.

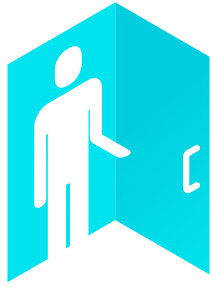
We will continue to care deeply for each person who walks in the door, advocating for the mental, emotional, and physical well-being of our customers and staff. I hope, as you read this, you are proud of your affiliation with Richland Library, and the work we do to make our community more resilient, connected, and happy.

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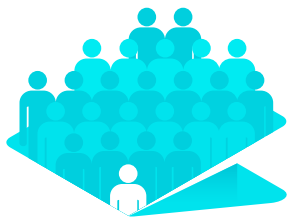
Melanie Huggins, Executive Director



# FY 2023 By The Numbers



**1,124,596**  
Visits Systemwide



**188,339**  
Total Cardholders

**30,682**  
New Cardholders

**85,873**  
Active Cardholders



**2,123,259**  
Total Circulation

**396,609**  
Database Uses

**266,505**  
Computer Sessions

**146,949**  
Wi-Fi Users/Sessions



## PROGRAMMING

**58,495**  
Total Attendees

**56,235**  
In-Person Attendees

**3,992**  
Events and Programs



**600,528**  
Items in Physical  
Collection

**357,339**  
Collection Checkouts

2023

# Programming Highlights



## Do Good Columbia

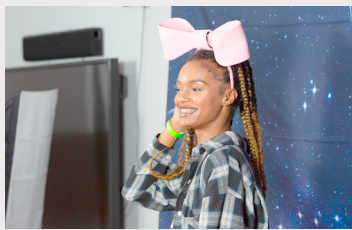
Richland Library organized 2023's Do Good Columbia, a community problem-solving event. The winning concept (Project A.R.T) brought together those experiencing homelessness with service providers to dismantle systemic barriers enabling more efficient delivery of essential services.

*This initiative was funded by The Nord Family Foundation and the First Citizens Foundation.*



## The Market at Richland Library Returns

The Market at Richland Library welcomed local farmers, artisans, bakers, and creators weekly on Wednesdays at Main. Throughout the six-month season, the library hosted 25 diverse vendors, 15 local authors, and 6 community partners.



## Overdue: Curated for the Creative

This highly anticipated event made a comeback. Overdue offered over 500 attendees an immersive, after-hours experience to create and play with interactive artwork, explore the library's creative studios, and enjoy live performances by local artists.



## Richland Library Main 30th Birthday

On its 30th anniversary, Richland Library Main celebrated the opening of its 242,000-square-foot location on Valentine's Day in 1993.



## Pigskin Poets

The University of South Carolina football team joined Richland Library for an engaging afternoon featuring stories, games, and autograph sessions. They shared inspiring tales of friendship and perseverance while reading to local youth.



### Meet the Author: Walter Mosley

Award-winning author Walter Mosley joined poet Nikky Finney on stage for an insightful discussion on mystery writing, marking the culmination of Richland Library's Broader Bookshelf program.



### Meet the Authors: Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

Acclaimed authors of *The Personal Librarian* returned to Richland Library to present their latest release, *The First Ladies*, exploring the unlikely relationship between Eleanor Roosevelt and South Carolinian civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune.



### Americans and the Holocaust Exhibition

Richland Library hosted a traveling exhibition from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum that examined Americans' responses to Nazism, war, and genocide in Europe during the 1930s and 1940s.

*The exhibition was funded by the American Library Association.*



### Opening Reception and Keynote Event: Roger Cohen

Marking the opening of the Americans and the Holocaust Exhibition, acclaimed *New York Times* journalist Roger Cohen delivered a compelling keynote. Cohen delved into the press's role in conflict, American soldiers' WWII experiences, and the politics of Holocaust memory.



### Augusta Baker's Dozen: A Conversation with Renée Watson

Renée Watson, acclaimed author of *Piecing Me Together*, *Maya's Song*, and co-author of *The 1619 Project Born on the Water*, engaged in a vibrant discussion moderated by Augusta Baker Endowed Chair Dr. Nicole Cooke during the 2023 Augusta Baker Lecture.

# Fostering Learners

## Safe at Home

Richland Library connected children homebound due to severe illness to their own library experience. Library staff designed learning kits to support the unique needs of each child, adapted based on their age, literacy, and ability levels. The kits included a home library of 26 diverse books and 30 STEM, art, literacy, and architecture activities.

*Safe at Home was funded by the Lipscomb Family Foundation.*

## Turning Pages

Richland Library joined the fight to increase adult literacy in Richland County by partnering with Turning Pages, a Midlands-based non-profit that provides 50 free hours annually of reading tutoring services and a comprehensive curriculum for adults who read below a 9th grade level.

## AARP Digital Skills Ready@50+ Program

Richland Library partners with Senior Planet from AARP to help people over 50 learn new online skills. Seniors in the Digital Skills Ready@50+ program gain essential skills needed to navigate an increasingly digital world.

## Latino Reading Circles

In partnership with the Greater Columbia Community Relations Council, Richland Library provided individually tailored lessons for roughly 30 bilingual children, ages 3-10, and their families during a six-week period.

## Summer Learning Challenge

Richland Library hosts the Summer Learning Challenge to help families prevent summer learning loss. Children, teens, and adults can track various learning activities including reading books, attending library events, and completing learning activities to earn prizes, like Columbia Museum of Art passes, Columbia Fireflies game tickets, and Pelicans' coupons. More than 16,500 people attended Summer Learning Challenge events at the library's 13 locations in 2023.



# Connecting People to Resources

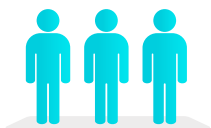
Richland Library's Social Work Center celebrated its 10th anniversary. As the third program of its kind nationwide and the first in the South and Southeast, the department's success lies in its commitment to addressing the unique needs of the community.

The Social Work Center provides a wide range of services, such as food vouchers, housing assistance, legal aid, Medicaid support, prescription assistance, veterans' benefits, and transportation. Standout programs like SNAP at Richland Library and Ask-an-Attorney directly connect customers with subject matter experts, resulting in much needed assistance for those in need.

*The work of the Social Work Center was supported by funding from the Sisters of Charity Foundation of SC and the United Way of the Midlands' Emergency Food and Shelter Program.*

## In 2023, the Richland Library Social Work Center's top needs included:

- SNAP (food insecurity)
- Access to phone use
- Rental Assistance/Utility Assistance
- Affordable Housing
- Senior Housing



**5,944**  
clients served in 2023

**2,181**  
cases in 2023

**3,197**  
community  
connections on  
behalf of clients



# Driving Workforce Development

Whether navigating a long-established business in a post-pandemic world, beginning a new business, continuing education, or embarking on a new career, the Business and Careers Center at Richland Library Main provided support for local businesses, job seekers, and entrepreneurs.

Career coaches are in high demand at Richland Library with customers seeking guidance on a number of topics to help take their careers to the next level. Services provided include but are not limited to: resume creation and revamping, the interview process, LinkedIn profile creation, soft skills, promotion, salary negotiation and more.

## Libraries as Launching Pads

Career Online High School has continued to thrive at Richland Library with the 5th annual graduation class boasting the largest cohort yet, 19 scholars, to include the first-ever, national Career Online High School Student of the Year. Academic Coaches across the nation nominated students and Richland County's own Letita Miller was awarded this honor, along with a \$1,000 scholarship to continue her education at Midlands Technical College.

*Funding from Power:Ed provided scholarships for Career Online High School students.*

For more information, call the Business and Careers Center at **803 929.3401**.



## 2023

### ▼ Entrepreneurs-in-Residence

*Funded by the Wells Fargo Foundation and the City of Columbia*



**Kevin Schumacher**, an entrepreneur with 30 years of small business experience, provided principles and coaching on pricing and business goals at Richland Library as part of the Entrepreneur-in-Residence program in spring 2023.



**Roshanda "The Rosho" Pratt**, during her summer residency at Richland Library, offered coaching sessions and programs focused on building brands, increasing visibility, attracting clients, and increasing profits, with nearly 50 coaching sessions and over 100 attendees.



**Noelle Jones**, a native of the Lowcountry, combined her expertise in real estate and marketing to help Richland Library customers connect with entrepreneurs and business owners, promoting community engagement and measurable outcomes, as part of the Entrepreneur-in-Residence program in fall 2023.



# Equity in Action

Richland Library embeds the values of equity, diversity, and inclusion into the fabric of the entire library system. Our teams are dedicated to fostering a community where everyone feels welcomed, valued, and represented.

Richland Library supports several staff-led, EDI-focused committees including the African American History and Cultural Events Committee, Una Voz, and the Rainbow Committee, all of which aim to amplify the unique and indelible contributions of the respective groups through our public programs and services.

## Let's Talk Race Curriculum Launch

Richland Library established itself as a national thought leader after releasing the Let's Talk Race Curriculum. The curriculum is a free resource to help organizations and communities, large and small, have courageous conversations about race and light the spark of mending race relations in our communities. In the first six months, over 400 nonprofits, colleges, churches, and organizations have accessed the curriculum to explore incorporating racial justice work within their organizations.

*The Let's Talk Race curriculum was funded by the Central Carolina Community Foundation, AARP, Colonial Life, Dominion Energy, and the Richland Library Friends and Foundation.*

For more information, contact [LetsTalkRace@richlandlibrary.com](mailto:LetsTalkRace@richlandlibrary.com).

## ▼ Inclusive Programming



### Let's Talk Race Community Conversations

The Let's Talk Race Team organized events to encourage community discussion on policing, gun violence, and the Catawba Nation exhibition at the Columbia Museum of Art. They arranged an author talk with Reyna Grande and a screening of the film "Letters from Anne and Martin."



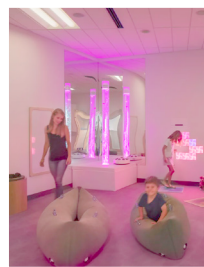
### Richland Library Lotería

During Hispanic Heritage Month, Richland Library organized an interactive activity based on the popular Mexican game, Lotería. The game cards included different prompts that encouraged customers to learn more about Hispanic culture.



### Racial Justice Week

In partnership with Richland Library, Richland County Council proclaimed a week to honor Martin Luther King Jr. and encouraged the community to participate in promoting equality and justice.



### Sensory Friendly Screenings

Richland Library Southeast hosted sensory-friendly movie screenings for children and families with sensory disorders, autism, or special needs. Southeast also features a reservable Multisensory Room designed to help users explore their senses and enhance their ability to process new information.



### HBCU Celebration

This event showcased South Carolina's Historically Black Colleges and Universities, featuring a college fair with eight schools, alumni panel, and a step show to highlight HBCU culture.



### Inclusive Outreach

Library staff frequently engaged with diverse communities by participating in various events such as the Pride Parade, Veteran's Parade, and Jubilee Festival.

# Bringing the Library to You

Richland Library went above and beyond to serve customers who face obstacles in accessing library services. Through our Outreach Team, we brought resources and programs to schools, neighborhoods, senior living centers, correctional facilities, and community events.

Here are a few of the ways Richland Library engaged communities that needed library resources most:

## Pop-Up Preschool

The Outreach Team regularly visited housing and community sites with the Learn Freely Bus to provide early learning experiences. These experiences, designed for caregivers and their children up to four years old, include sensory bins, art, toys, books, and crafts. Caregivers go home with books, learning toys, printed resources, and essential items like food, paper products, feminine products, and cleaning supplies.

*Pop-Up Preschool visits were funded by Aflac.*

For more information, contact Lori Cook, Community Outreach Manager, at [LCook@richlandlibrary.com](mailto:LCook@richlandlibrary.com).



**53,376**  
Books Distributed

**201** locations served

**719**  
Programs

**22,314** People Served

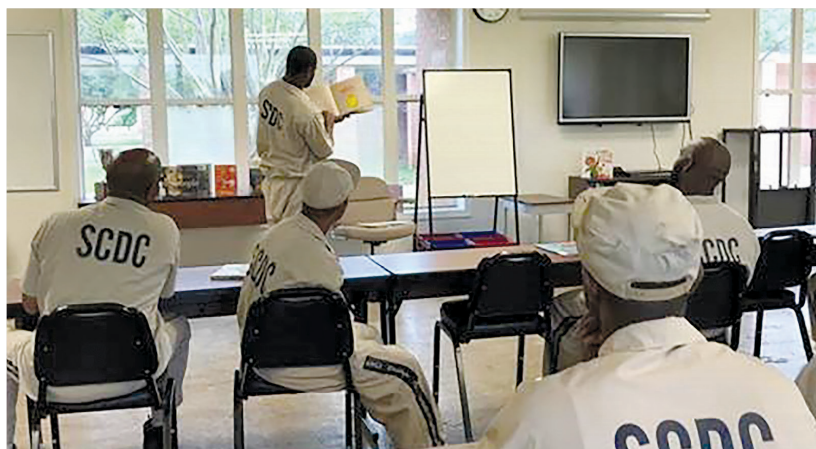
## Books to You

Books to You is a homebound book delivery service that enables customers of all ages in private residences or group homes to continue enjoying reading and learning even when they are unable to visit library locations in person. In 2023, Books to You provided 7,224 books to 1,541 customers, including 42 new participants.

*Books to You and other community collections were funded by Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation, Sylvamo, and the Richland Library Friends and Foundation.*

## Justice-Involved Outreach

Richland Library regularly scheduled programming at seven correctional facilities. In 2023, 83 justice-involved citizens were served. Programming included book clubs, art workshops, drum circles, reference assistance, life-skill classes, wellbeing classes, and more to help incarcerated individuals access library resources.



# Enhancing the Customer Experience

In a world of evolving technology and fast-changing community needs, Richland Library serves as a vibrant ecosystem to learn, share, and grow. In 2023, Richland Library expanded the Library of Things and introduced new studio spaces, including the Fabrication Studio at Main and the Print Studio at Eastover. These additions provide customers with tools and resources to transform their creative ideas into reality.

## Fabrication Studio at Richland Library Main

The Fabrication Studio provides customers with a variety of woodworking tools to complete intermediate to advanced projects. In this new space, customers carve, cut, and chisel with equipment and hand tools provided free of charge. Since its launch in March 2023, the Fabrication Studio has served customers in over 200 appointments.

**10,056**  
Meeting Rooms  
Reserved



**2,100**  
Studio  
Reservations



**10,500** checkouts from  
Library of Things

## Eastover Print Studio

In July 2023, Richland Library Eastover expanded printing services to enhance the customer experience. The Print Studio includes: a professional photo printer, shredder, Cricut maker, laminator, comb binder, paper folder, and more, as well as software to empower customers to design and share their work.

## Library of Things

The Library of Things is a collection of useful items that, starting in 2023, can be reserved and checked out from our Main, Ballentine, Edgewood, and Lower Richland locations. The library provides customers with access to tools and equipment at no charge to pursue their creative endeavors, home projects, or upcoming adventures. Additionally, the Seed Library, which is a collection of commercial and home-saved seeds, expanded to Richland Library Main, Ballentine, Lower Richland, and St. Andrews.

For more information, contact Mary Kate Quillivan, Arts and Media Manager, at [MQuillivan@richlandlibrary.com](mailto:MQuillivan@richlandlibrary.com).

# Celebrating the Arts

Richland Library hosts exhibits, artists-in-residence, and art programs that showcase the talents of both local and nationally acclaimed artists, foster intellectual conversation about social justice issues, and transform our library into one of Columbia's most vibrant cultural hubs.

Richland Library's Main Gallery has hosted exhibits by renowned artists like Dogon Krigga, Philip Mullen, Marie Boyd, and Mary Gilkerson. In July 2023, it was selected as one of the 50 libraries to host the Americans and the Holocaust traveling exhibition, presented by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and the American Library Association.

Additionally, the library partnered with the Filipino-American Association of Greater Columbia to present the Weaving Communities and Cultures Through Cloth exhibit. This exhibit, displayed in October-November 2023 for Filipino-American History Month, featured ancestral weaves from indigenous communities in the Philippines, carrying deep cultural and historical significance through generations.

For more information, contact Lee Snelgrove, Arts and Culture Manager, at [LSnelgrove@richlandlibrary.com](mailto:LSnelgrove@richlandlibrary.com).



**Dogon Krigga**, a multi-disciplinary artist known for innovative hand-cut collages incorporating themes of Afrofuturism and Afrosurrealism, served as Artist-in-Residence from January – June 2023.



## Columbia Operatic Laboratory

In July 2023, the library welcomed the members of the Columbia Operatic Laboratory as Artists-In-Residence. Columbia Operatic Laboratory, or CoLab, is an opera company that bucks conventions and combats pretension to bring performances to new audiences, from new works to adapted classics.

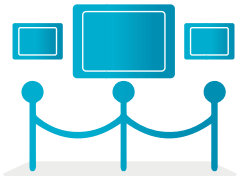


860

attendees at the Meet the Author events

11,341

gallery visitors at the Americans and the Holocaust traveling exhibition



491

participants in Filipino-American History Month programs

2023

◀ Artists-in-Residence



# Financial Report

## OUR NUMBERS

### ▼ REVENUE

**\$29,218,091**  
County Appropriation

**\$936,545**  
State Aid Funding

**\$519,877**  
Grants and Donations

**\$1,391,498**  
Other Revenue

**\$32,066,011**  
TOTAL

### EXPENDITURES ▼

**\$21,973,948**  
Personnel

**\$4,911,612**  
Operations

**\$3,488,755**  
Materials

**\$776,929**  
Capital Expenditures

**\$31,151,244**  
TOTAL

# FY 2023 Gifts | By Annual Giving Level

## \$25,000+

Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation  
Emergency Food and Shelter Program  
Power:Ed  
The Nord Family Foundation

## \$10,000 - \$24,999

AARP Foundation  
Aflac Charitable Fund of Central Carolina Community Foundation  
Central Carolina Community Foundation's Midlands Gives Day Fund  
City of Columbia  
Colonial Life  
Dorothy D. Smith Charitable Foundation  
First Citizens Foundation  
Richland County Government  
South Carolina Humanities  
Sylvamo through the Givinga Foundation, Inc.  
Wells Fargo Foundation

## \$5,000 - \$9,999

C.G. Fuller Foundation  
JoAnne V. Day  
Molly Evans  
The J.C. Huggins Family  
Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina  
TD Charitable Foundation  
United Way of the Midlands  
University of South Carolina Center for Innovation & Inclusion in Higher Education  
Mr. Eberhard Wunderlich in memory of Dagmar Wunderlich

## \$2,500 - \$4,999

The Academy of Columbia Foundation Fund of Central Carolina Community Foundation  
American Library Association  
The Cheerful Giver Fund of Central Carolina Community Foundation

Elizabeth M. Melendez in memory of Bill and Jo Ann Wyatt  
Palmetto Citizens Federal Credit Union  
University of South Carolina School of Library and Information Science

## \$1,000 - \$2,499

Abacus Planning Group Inc.  
Alice Kasakoff Adams in memory of John W. Adams  
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## \$500 - \$999

Alpha Kappa Alpha Pink and Green Community Service Foundation, Inc.  
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Anonymous in memory of Bill Richey  
Baker and Baker Foundation  
Caroline Dixon Bartman  
Matt and Katie Bogan  
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Richard and Susie Bid Brown in memory of Jacki Sligh, Paulette Rowell, Ginger Shuler and Dagmar Wunderlich and in honor of Mary Murray Black on the occasion of her 100th birthday

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Ms. Glenda L. Bunce  
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Mr. Joachim Wunderlich in memory of Dagmar Wunderlich

For more information, contact **Tina Gills, CFRE**  
Development Director  
803 929.3424

## Ways to Support

### Richland Library Literary Circle

Thinking about your next gift? While gifts in any amount are welcome and needed, we'd love to place your name in the Richland Library Literary Circle, a group of individuals and organizations dedicated to ensuring that future generations enjoy the same high level of library programs and services that exist today at Richland Library.

While the core level of annual support begins at \$500, the Literary Circle offers other levels for those who wish to contribute more.

#### PLATINUM LEAF LEVEL

\$5,000+

#### GOLD LEAF LEVEL

\$2,500 – \$4,999

#### LEATHER BOUND LEVEL

\$1,000 – \$2,499

#### LIMITED EDITION LEVEL

\$500 – \$999

In addition to supporting one of the top libraries in the country and the community's best source of innovative and impactful learning opportunities, your contribution will be recognized in a number of ways.

**Gifts can be made at [RichlandLibrary.com/give](https://RichlandLibrary.com/give) or mailed to 1431 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC 29201.**

### Richland Library Legacy Society

There are many ways to support your library, but for many, making the Richland Library Friends and Foundation a beneficiary of their estate is the most practical and effective way.

A planned gift clearly demonstrates how much you value the library, and it sets a lasting example for other philanthropic-minded individuals throughout Richland County and beyond.

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