

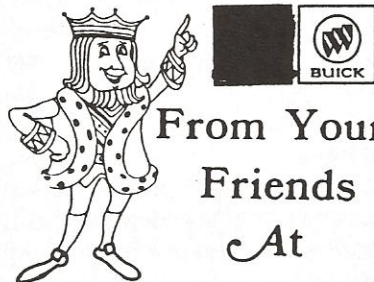
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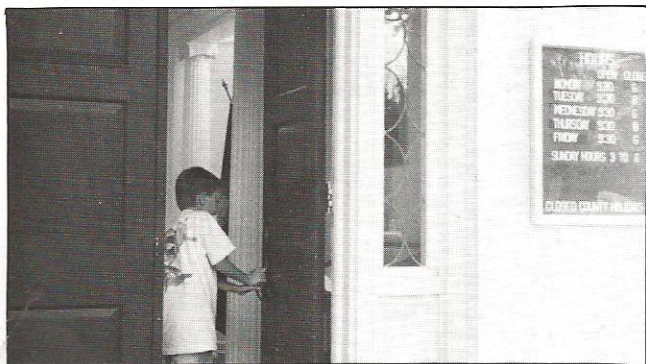
Colleton County Library

A valuable resource

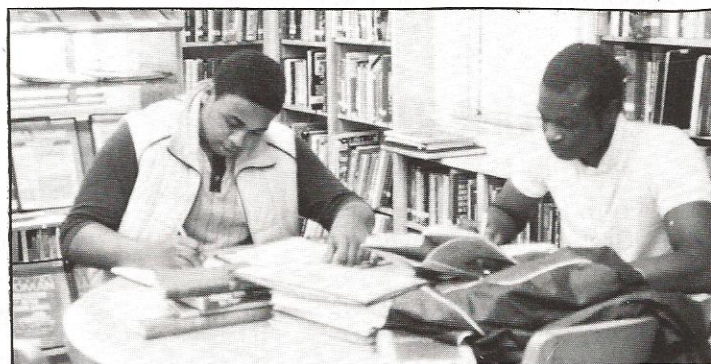
The idea for a library in Colleton County was originally started by the wealthy planters' sons who had been to Europe to be educated. They formed the Walterborough Library Society which existed from 1824 until 1836. From that time until 1925, a library society existed in some form in Colleton County. In 1925 Colleton Memorial Library officially became a free public library under the direct management of the Trustees of the Walterboro Library Society. Today after a \$3,000,000 face-lift, the Colleton County Memorial Library has the second highest percentage of registered library users among South Carolina libraries. A remarkable 62% of the total population of Colleton County hold library cards. That accounts for 19,652 regular users. Last year the library boasted a total circulation of material of 107,793. Today the library has a vast selection of 63,041 volumes,

subscribes to 108 magazines and nine newspapers, keeps 191 micro-forms, 250 cassettes, 4 records, 572 film strips, and 28 art prints. Besides having the material, the library is active in bringing the public's attention to its resources. Art exhibits, poetry readings, music recitals, and various other exhibits arranged in cooperation with the Recreation Commission fill a busy season for the library goer. Besides these extracurricular activities, the librarians also work with students who depend on the library as a valuable term paper resource. Teachers bring their classes to the library to learn skills in finding information and using the card catalog. The library functions as an active part of the Colleton County local scene and is a vital part of the conscientious student's life.

by Amy Alexander



Matt Zielke enters the newly renovated library.



Miguel Thomas and Hurly Richardson diligently prepare term papers.