Colleton County Library

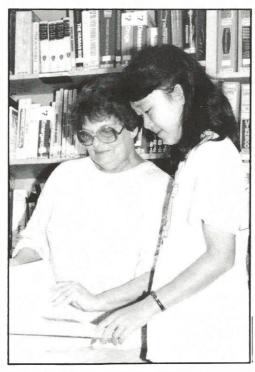
Library services began in Colleton County in the 1820's with the organization of the Walterborough Library Society. In 1925, the Town Council's appropriation for the maintenance of the library began, but the county's appropriation did not begin until 1936. In 1957, the Walterboro Library Society consolidated with the Colleton Rural Library to become the Colleton County Memorial Library.

The Colleton County Memorial Library is a free public library, supported mainly through federal, state, and local funds. The library is governed by a nine-member Board of Trustees. These members include Mrs. Carroll Brown, Ill, Chairman; Dr. J. Frank Biggers; Mrs. McKither Bodison; Mrs. Ernest George; Mrs. Joseph Samuels; Mrs. Bryant Rhode; Mrs. John I. Rogers; Mrs. Cary E. Upchurch; and Mrs. N.H. Varn, Jr.

The library contains approximately 62,000 books. It also has a subscription to 126 periodicals and 9 newspapers. The library has cassettes, records, filmstrips, art prints, special videotapes for help with the SAT and the GED, and microfilm. The library also has a bookmobile which travels all over the county 5 days a week.

In 1984 the library was renovated, and additions were made. During renovation, a large assembly room was added, and the state area and the children's area wre en-

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larged. The renovation was made possible through funding provided by the LSCA Grant administered by the South Carolina Library, a South Carolina Rural Improvement Fund Grant, County and City appropirations, and generous gifts from groups and individuals.

In January 1987, Sylvia Rowe became head librarian. Mrs. Rowe, a Colleton County native, graduated from WHS in 1963 and from Columbia College in 1967. She received her Masters of Librarianship from USC in 1986.

The library is an invaluable resource to the student body. Numerous research projects and papers could not be completed were it nor for the availability of the library's materials and the cooperation of the library staff. Junior Leslie Williams commented, "It's a good place to get some peace and quiet and research your brains out!" Angie Broach, another junior, stated, "The library is a place to socialize, 'catch up' on the latest news, be 'schooly,' and, maybe do some studying." Whether students went to the library for socializing or for studying, the library proved to be a valuable resource.

By Christie Allen

Librarian Rebecca Ware shows Kayo Morita the many scources she can use for reports at the library. Kaho is an exchange student at WHS.

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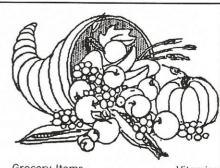
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