

South Carolina State Library Workforce Development Projects & Collaborations

- The South Carolina State Library has launched a new website, WorkSC.org, to assist libraries, state government agencies and employees, and citizens locate useful resources on the many facets of workforce development. The site initially created with libraries and first-time job seekers in mind, offers many useful links for the beginning as well as seasoned job seeker. For more information, please visit worksc.org.
- South Carolina State Library workforce development trainer is a liaison to the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce for various departments such as the SC Unemployment Insurance Administrators, SC One-Stop Administrators, SC Workforce Investment Boards, and the SC Council of Governments
- Website listings
 - South Carolina Information Highway – www.SCIway.net
 - South Carolina State Government – www.SC.gov
 - All SC WORKS (One Stops) systems throughout South Carolina
 - South Carolina Public Library websites and/or resources pages
- South Carolina State Library and the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce formed a partnership to offer training to libraries across the state that will help staff to assist job seekers. The training, “Regional Virtual One Stop (VOS) System Training and Workshop for Libraries,” shows library staff how to guide a job seeker through the online State’s Virtual Ones Stop system including:
 - How to use the resume builder and the importance of this tool
 - Learning about the many services available for individuals
 - Previewing training videos and guides to assist citizens in using VOS
- South Carolina State Library promotes through the WorkSC.org website the importance of obtaining a GED along with the state and county resources provided by the South Carolina Department of Adult Education.
- Providing regional career assessment training to libraries using one of two highly regarded resources: South Carolina Occupational Information System (SCOIS).
- Collaborations with South Carolina Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Department of Social Services, the Department of Juvenile Justice, and South Carolina Department of Corrections in helping those that are hard to employ know about workforce resources, electronic resources, local library resources, and state library resources.
- South Carolina State Library conducted a Workforce Development Exchange in partnership with the Richland Library in Columbia, SC, bringing together

representatives from all libraries across the state, workforce agencies, employment offices, and non-profits to promote unique and difference partnerships between libraries and community partners to help citizens find employment.

- Promote public and state library resources to non-profits such as the Alston Wiles Society, Goodwill Industries, Job Corps, the United Way, the Urban League, Salvation Army, and a variety of local community agencies throughout the state.
- Promote public and state library resources through outreach to diverse populations throughout the state.
- Collaborations with the Office of Small & Minority Business Assistance, South Carolina Department of Revenue, Department of Commerce, South Carolina Small Business Tax Center, and the South Carolina Business One Stop
- Assist libraries in finding creative ways to assist patrons in finding employment
 - Workshops for ex-offenders
 - Creating a speakers session each month for an employer, agency, training school
 - Hosting teen job and volunteer fairs
- Helping South Carolina Public Libraries promote, develop, and assess their workforce development projects.
 - Anderson, Pickens, and Oconee public library systems along with the Worklink One Stop have formed an Access Point to share information about services. *WorkLink* Workforce Investment Board partners with several community agencies to provide access points for job search services. As part of the SHARE Network, these Access Points offer access to a computer and many of the core services you would find at the comprehensive and satellite One-Stop Workforce Centers in Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens counties.
 - The Upstate Workforce Investment Board has hired a career specialist to travel around the three county area to assist some of its citizens in employment skills, resumes, labor market information, and unemployment filing within the SC county libraries of Spartanburg, Cherokee, and Union

The Future

- Regional training sessions and webinars with the SC Department of Revenue to train libraries on online tax filing, tax resources for employers and small business owners.
- Workshops and training sessions with the SC Department of Employment and Workforce for libraries who wish to help employers understand the SC VOS system to fins applicants for jobs.